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SUPER-CONFERENCES: HOG HEAVEN OR HELL?

College football as we've known it—and as it existed through decades of popularity and prosperity—is disappearing.

The reckless pursuit of money has been the ruin of many and may well be the fatal error that kills the goose that laid the golden egg of college football. The longstanding popularity of college football is based more than anything on natural rivalries. Now, however, many of those rivalries, along with entire conferences, are threatened by the formation of "super" conferences that hold out the promise of a grander era.

But is the national mish-mash that's emerging a better alignment for college football, or simply a feeding frenzy at the slop-trough that may leave fans with a bellyache before too long?

Consider that this season marks the debut of the new Southeast Conference, which has grown so large it must divide itself in half like some kind of amoeba. The new divisional format means some of its member teams won't play each other for years, while the possibility arises that a couple of teams will play each other twice in the same year, plus the specter of the second-, third- or even fourth-best team representing the SEC in its championship bowl berth. Admittedly, the SEC's new championship game, pitting the two division winners against each other, should be a made-for-TV blockbuster...but at what price? Most of the SEC coaches believe the new format will actually hurt their teams.

One particularly nasty aspect of the new SEC is, inherently, some of its member schools that were former college powers are likely to become perennial cellar-dwellers. That should come as a very nice bit of "progress" to fans who previously rooted for a contender year in and year out.

Brand-new SEC member Arkansas may be the team poised for the biggest fall. The Razorbacks abruptly terminated their very successful 77-year run in the Southwest Conference in order to jump on the SEC bandwagon. Athletic Director Frank Broyles is already counting the greenbacks that are sure to roll into his department. Sooooie, Pig! But the ominous downside is Hog fans may be saying goodbye to major bowl games. In the SWC the Razorbacks were almost always competitive. Arkansas won or shared 13 SWC titles, has been to two Cotton Bowls in the past four years, 12 bowl games in the past 15 years, and participated in five New Year's Day bowl games aside from

the Cotton Bowl since 1965.

The SEC will present a different reality. To get to a major bowl now, the Razorbacks have to get past not a couple of big-time powers, but a whole gauntlet. The SWC's four tasty-morsel private schools are replaced by the SEC's one obvious patsy, Vanderbilt (which itself may not be a pushover this year). Rather than emerging as a toe-to-toe challenger of Alabama, Auburn, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida, the Hogs seem more likely to slump into the decline that Ole Miss finds itself.

For fans across the nation the most disheartening aspect is the SEC's model may be just the tip of the iceberg. Other similar scenarios are already forming.

This is Penn State's last year as an independent before joining the Big Ten (11 and counting?) next season. In lowering itself to pathetic Big Ten standards, Penn State is also surrendering its 100-year rivalry with Pitt. Meanwhile, with the addition of Penn State the Big Ten schools will play conference schedules that omit two members. That means an Illinois, say, could go to the Rose Bowl without having played Michigan or Ohio State.

The loss of Arkansas has the Southwest Conference scrambling for survival. There are flying rumors that the once-proud conference may be doomed, that Texas will join the Pac-10 (11 and counting?) and that Texas A&M and Houston are bound for the SEC (14 and counting?) So long to the natural Lone Star State rivalries.

Can the plums of the Big Eight remain unplucked? Will Oklahoma go south, Nebraska head Midwest and Colorado west? If so, who becomes the perennial doormats that all conferences must possess? And what happens to the schools dispossessed by such upheaval?

The answers may not bode well for college football fans. The sad fact is greed is at the controls of the sport.

The face of college football is being changed, and not for the better. The conferences as we knew them survived and flourished for so long because they were built upon natural regional rivalries. Now that balance is being upset. There will be some big winners, yes, in the New World Order of college football. But there will be losers too...some of them used to winning. College football fans may be among them.

Sooooie, phooey!

Russell R. Holster Jr.
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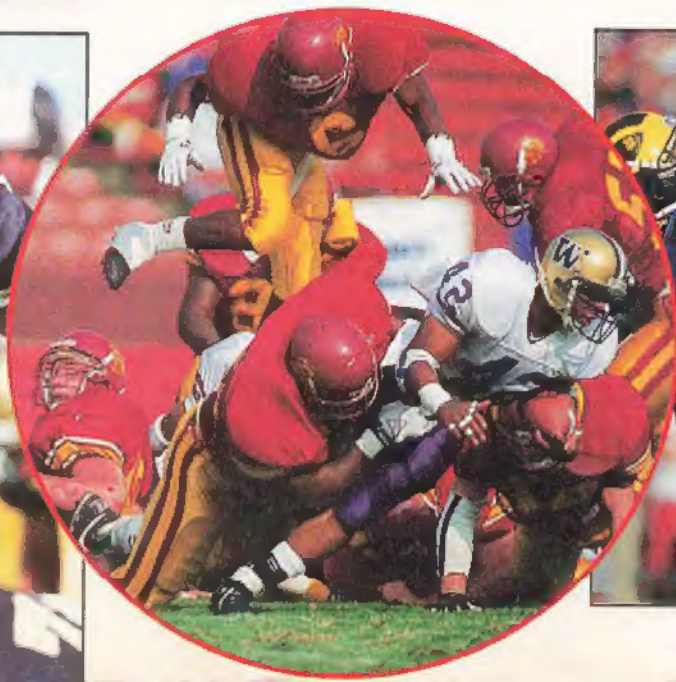
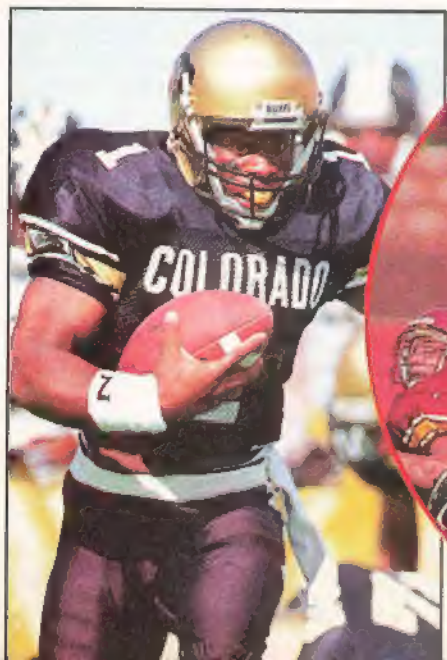
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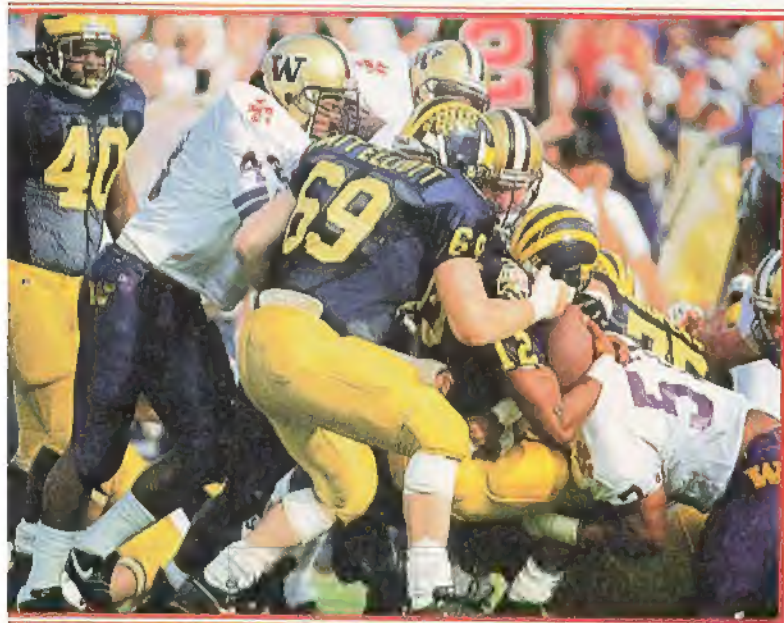


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On the move: Speed and pro-style agility allowed the slippery Desmond Howard to chalk up 22 touchdowns in 10 regular-season games and lead the nation in Division 1-A scoring.

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The Big Bang Theory seemed to be on the minds of Wolverines and Huskies on New Year's Day in Pasadena. Huskies fans received more bang for their buck, though, as Washington manhandled Michigan, 34-14.

PHOTO: PAUL JASIENSKI



Billy Joe Hobert (No. 12), an untested sophomore quarterback, stepped into the mix for injured Mark Brunell and helped the Huskies become the Pac-10's first undefeated champion in 19 seasons.

PHOTO: IRA GABRIEL/SPORT

1991 Revisited

The Good, The Bad, The Ugly And The Indescribable

By Dan Herbst

In a year when the communist block stumbled awkwardly toward democracy, we Americans fulfilled our obligation as a role model by demonstrating how the democratic system works. Our reverence for the ballot box is such that we must be the only nation that decides a champion of one of its major sports after the results of games played the following year are analyzed via the electoral process.

So it came to be that two teams from opposite corners of the country shared 1991's collegiate pigskin spoils.

Miami's Hurricanes got the No. 1 nod from the Associated Press by the most narrow margin in that poll's 56-year history. Computers, at least those programmed at the *New York Times*, concurred.

Washington's Huskies were deemed superior by United Press International as well as the *USA Today/CNN* Coaches' Poll. The Grantland Rice Trophy, presented by the Football Writers Association of America, also went in Horace Greeley's favorite direction (that's westward for you non-history majors).

As of press time Boris Yeltsin's preference wasn't known.

BOWLS, BOWLS AND MORE BOWLS

New Year's Day resembled a Don King fight card in which two star pugilists pound hopelessly over-matched foes to whet the public's appetite (and wallets) for the upcoming



Sharing the spotlight: Desmond Howard (right), Michigan's sensational flanker and the 1991 Heisman Trophy recipient, was all smiles as he posed with pro football Hall of Famer O.J. Simpson, who himself won the Heisman in 1968 after a stellar career at USC.

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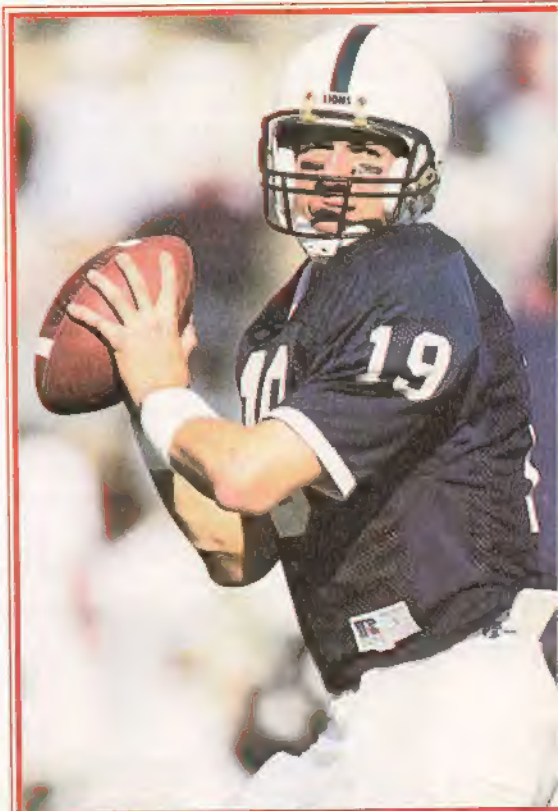


(above left) Cheers for Penn State. It worked wonders; the Lions responded in a positive way, winning 80 percent of their games.

PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

(above) The annual Army/Navy gridiron clash brought out the best dressed.

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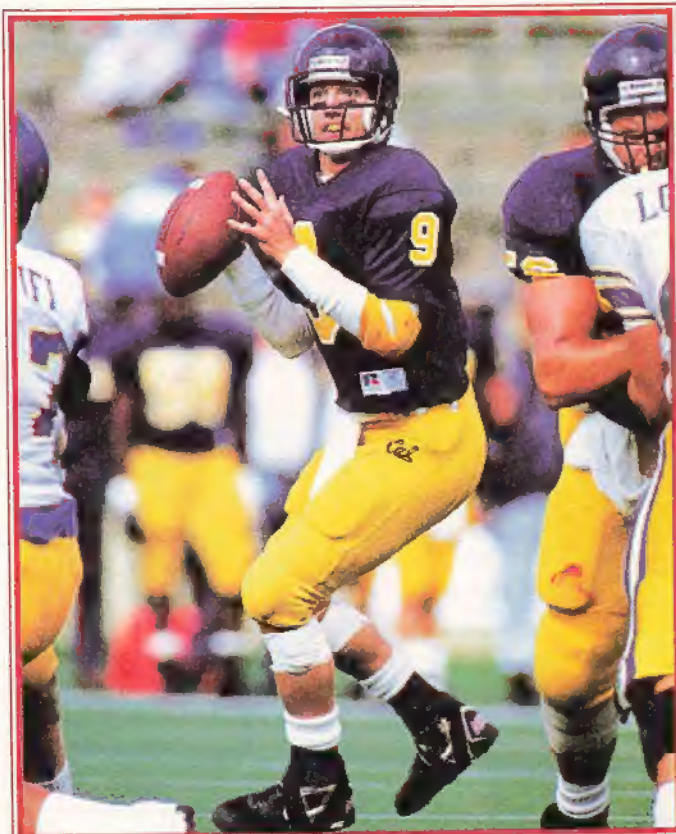
Penn State received a lion's share of attention last season because of Tony Sacca's strained relationship with head coach Joe Paterno and his ability to make big plays in the clutch.

PHOTO: AL KOOISTRA

showdown. Sadly, Miami and Washington won't "get ready to rumble" as football's (Michael) buffer zone wasn't crossed among the collegiate heavyweights. While "go vote" isn't quite as stirring as Buffer's trademark slogan, it did prove to be nearly as suspenseful.

Consider some of the insanity associated with having the crown decided by electors. Realizing the inevitable conclusion, Miami's players were instructed to dress up and be polite, lest they offend any voters. It was as if studying post patterns in playbooks was dumped in favor of Emily Post (it's the small fork for the salad, if memory serves).

Which brings us to the evidence. Miami's claims were staked late in the season. After besting Penn State, the Hurricanes edged then-top-rated Florida State, 17-16. No sooner had they moved to the head of the class than they were almost upset by a very average Boston College squad. Miami opted to beat up on Nebraska in the Orange Bowl



Cal's Mike Pawlawski was armed and dangerous often enough to put the Bears in the elite circle of such Pac-10 powers as Washington and UCLA. He had just 12 interceptions in 281 pass attempts in '91.

PHOTO: CHRIS COVATTA/ALLSPORT



UCLA's Tommy (Gun) Maddox scrambled a lot, but in the process found a way to shoot holes in opposing defenses.

PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

rather than unduly risk an unblemished record.

Washington's closest call came at California. The Huskies used a 65-yard TD dash by Beno Bryant and Walter Bailey's last-play deflection of a Mike Pawlawski pass to escape, 24-17. The James gang posted the first perfect Pac-10 ledger since USC in 1972.

The Hurricanes overwhelmed a Nebraska team that had won but one of its last eight confrontations with Top 20 squads and had lost five consecutive postseason contests. Miami's triumph marked the team's 45th straight home victory.

As if facing Miami in Miami wasn't a sufficient headache, Nebraska players were distracted by eleventh-hour questions as to whether their Big Eight title

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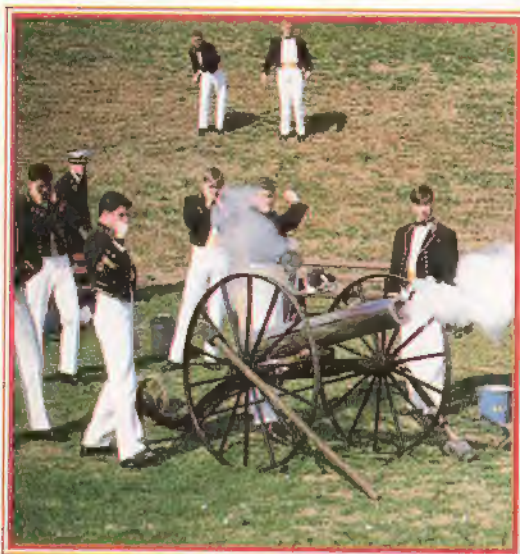
would have to be forfeited. Senior full-back Omar Soto's possibly expired eligibility was the issue. (Soto's crime: participating in a preseason scrimmage at a junior college in 1986 before quitting that school.)

Soto gained 171 yards in 1991 and spent most of the season rehabilitating a broken bone. He was as responsible for the Cornhusker's success as a leaky faucet in Altoona was for the Johnstown flood. Such concerns aren't

consequential in the court of NCAA justice, so Miami met a team that didn't even know if its labors, including a come-from-behind win over arch-rival Oklahoma, had been in vain.

Meanwhile out west, all that Michigan had to worry about was being eaten alive. Washington's defense was anchored by Lombardi Award/Outland Trophy winner Steve Emtman. Its D was rated second in the nation against the rush, in points allowed and in turnover margin. After suffering a 51-31 setback against Florida State in September, Michigan enjoyed an eight-game winning streak prior to running into the Huskies.

Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard and friends were out-classed as Washington enlarged a six-point half-



Navy Cannoneers tried to fire up their comrades and eventually succeeded as the Midshipmen beat Army, 24-3.

PHOTO: AL KOOISTRA



The Texas Longhorns didn't treat visitors (especially running backs) with a gentle touch too often in 1991.

PHOTO: SUSAN ALLEN CAMP/TEXAS SID



Ramblin' Wreck supporters were only able to drive Georgia Tech to a second-place tie in the ACC.

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Head Coach John Cooper won't be favorably compared to Buckeye legend Woody Hayes any time soon, but his squad was tough enough to secure five wins and third place in the rough and tumble Big Ten.

PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

time edge to a 24-point margin. If not for an earlier ill-timed penalty and two end zone drops of Billy Joe Hobert tosses, Washington fans might've celebrated their eventual 34-14 win prior to intermission.

Hobert was superb. He threw for a pair of TDs and ran for another. Emtman, who reportedly was recovering from the flu, dominated. His film clip of the year had to be when he fought off a double-team block to force a fumble by Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac.

What could've subsequently proven to be a big break for the underdogs—an interception that put them at the Huskie 29—was negated in large part by a 12-yard Emtman sack of Grbac that helped to push the Wolverines out of field-goal range. A spectacular Howard grab, his only catch of the day, set up the lone Michigan TD that mattered. Of the receivers in Pasadena, Mario Bailey looked more Heisman-like than his celebrated Wolverine counterpart.

As for Washington's D, award it an A for limiting the Big Ten guys to an average of less than 2.2 yards in 33 rushing tries. By the time Michigan managed a late consolation score, the title issue was in the hands of Miami and the voters.

Give full marks to the Hurricanes program for being a proven New Year's Day commodity. For the fourth time in nine years Miami placed atop the final AP poll. Only Notre Dame (eight titles), Oklahoma (six) and Alabama (five) have fared better.

Also on New Year's Day, Nebraska's first whitewashing in more than 18 years was due in part to the Huskers' ground attack being stifled. As the final 15 minutes commenced, the

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Midwesterners had but 27 yards to show for 29 rushes. Miami had 13 points in the bank before Nebraska's offense could move the chains for the first time. Heck, most of us were well into our third bag of chips by the time Nebraska crossed midfield. The most amusing aspect of the game was when



Senior quarterback Andy Kelly was an able Volunteer who spearheaded a Tennessee offense that generated more than 30 points per game last season.

PHOTO: BRIAN SPURLOCK

the TV video/audio signals went AWOL.

Gino Torretta passed for 257 yards. Orange Bowl MVP Larry Jones ran for 144. Carlos Huerta's three field goals, including a career-best 54-yard effort, lifted him to second on the NCAA's all-time list with 407 career points.

When the dust settled, it was clear Washington and Miami were the best teams in the land. But in what order?

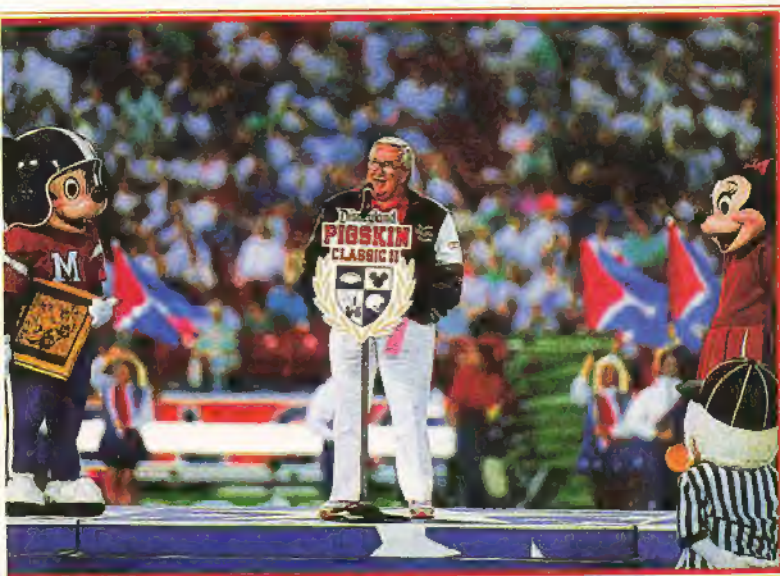
Such was the focus on the front-runners that perhaps only Abbott & Costello knew who was in third (Hint: Check with Joe Paterno for the answer).

On the scoreboard Penn State was as impressive New Year's Day as the big boys. Paterno's crew dismantled Tennessee, 42-17, in the Fiesta Bowl. But numbers can deceive. The Vols dominated well into the third quarter as they held a 17-7 edge.



The Seminoles and Hurricanes got together in Tallahassee in mid-November for an old-fashioned Florida bash. After the dust cleared, Miami limped away with a hard-fought 17-16 victory and an undisputed No. 1 claim.

PHOTO: TOM DSPACE



The Pigskin Classic: A nice blend of gridiron excitement, fantasy and fun.

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When Nebraska and Oklahoma squared off in November, rival ball carriers attracted a lot of unwanted and painful attention.

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The contest turned during an eight-minute sequence in which the Lions capitalized on several Tennessee gifts to score five consecutive TDs. PSU won despite being beaten by a 2:1 ratio in virtually every key statistical category except turnovers.

Tennessee's impotent red-zone punch provided the opportunity for the comeback. Perhaps there is something about Tempe. The Lions won their four previous Fiesta dates, including a 1987 visit that clinched the national crown with a 14-10 upset of Miami.

The FSU-Texas A&M Cotton Bowl mess must surely have been underwritten by Vaseline. This game had more turnovers than a bakery. The final tally: 10 fumbles, a half dozen interceptions and one touchdown. For the record, the Seminoles prevailed, 10-2.

The victory provided small consolation for Bobby Bowden's gang. It extended their Bowl run to seven straight wins while snapping a heart-breaking two-game skid in which their No. 1 ranking disappeared after having lost to Miami and to Florida (14-9). FSU finished fourth in all three of the major polls.

Anything less than No. 1 was a let-down for Bowden's boys. This was supposed to have been their year. Impressive early conquests of BYU, Michigan and Syracuse only served to heighten expectations.

What might've been the country's best team saw its dreams dissolved when walk-on kicker Gerry Thomas missed a 34-yard field goal try against Miami. In any previous year Thomas would've hit for his fourth kick and been the hero, but the snake-bitten Seminoles had to miss by an ant's eyelash after the NCAA narrowed the goal posts by 58 inches. Of course, had the FSU defense seen fit to hold its rivals on fourth-and-six during Miami's winning drive, Thomas' services would not have been required.

Torretta—who graduated with honors from the Ken O'Brien School of Quarterback Immobility—marched Miami 58 yards for the decisive TD. Casey Weldon and Edgar Bennett came up empty again.

As for FSU's Bowl foes, Texas A&M finished at 10-2. That proved a good start for Coach R.C. Slocum, who inherited the Aggies after the scandal-ridden regime of Jackie Sherrill.

Alabama rounded out the top five, thanks to an 11-1 season that concluded with an exciting 30-25 conquest of Colorado in the Blockbuster Bowl held December 28-29. The issue wasn't decided until 54 minutes past midnight.

Freshman David Palmer—remember that name for future Heisman

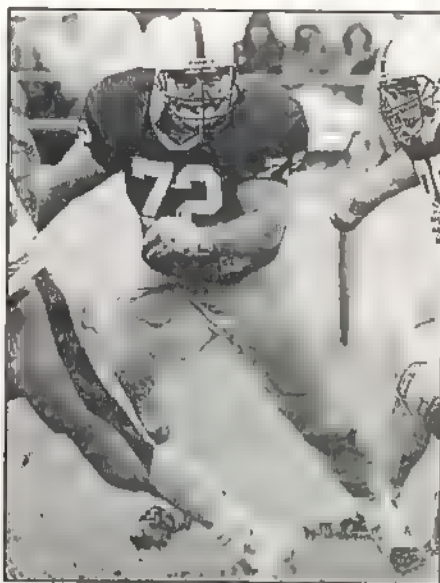
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reference—put on a Rocket Ismail-like show. The pint-sized teenager scored on a 52-yard punt return and a five-yard reception. Palmer produced 146 yards in four different offensive categories.

The Tides' finest season in over a decade was clinched when Buffalo signal-caller Darian Hagan was sacked at the 'Bama 34-yard line on a fourth-down play in the final minute.

Notre Dame soured Florida's (10-2) Sugar Bowl with a 39-28 upset. The happy ending to a less than satisfactory year under the Golden Dome included Jerome Bettis gaining 150 yards on 16 carries. He produced three final period touchdowns on dashes of three, 49 and 39 yards in a game in which the Irish once trailed, 13-0.

The 25th anniversary of Spurrier's Heisman Trophy season saw his team enjoy much progress, including its first 10-win autumn. The only regular-season indiscretion was having inexplicably fallen to Syracuse, 38-21, during an autumn that saw them claim their first official SEC crown. A 35-0 thrashing of Alabama left little doubt about who



Nose tackle Jim Deter and Penn State pushed aside Cincinnati en route to an astonishing 81-0 victory.

deserved to rule the conference.

Credit the coach's offensive schemes and eye for talent. When Spurrier arrived, quarterback Shane Matthews was buried deeper on the depth chart than Jimmy Hoffa. All the junior signal-caller did was lead an attack that

gained a conference-record 3,393 aerial yards. Matthews was named the SEC's Player of the Year.

The Gators' highlight was topping FSU in Gainesville. Bowden's Achilles' heel was his team's inability to cross the goal line after twice enjoying a first-and-goal from inside the Florida five. Their ground attack had a great Amp (Lee), but it lacked sufficient voltage. As Yogi Berra might've noted had he tried to quote Joe Lewis: "They can't run to save their hide."

California's first 10-win season since 1949 included a 37-13 victory to spoil Clemson's (9-2-1) third Citrus Bowl trip during the past five years. The victors used a string of trick plays and Brian Treggs' 72-yard punt return to take an early 17-point lead, and the Tigers never closed to within two touchdowns. In November, Bears hurler Mike Pawlawski helped USC set an unwanted mark for the most points ever allowed by the Trojans during a 52-30 romp at Berkeley.

After losing its season opener to



Coach Dennis Green put Stanford in the Aloha Bowl, and the Cardinal came within one point of upsetting Georgia Tech.

Illinois, East Carolina (11-1) pirated North Carolina State (9-3), 37-34, in the Peach Bowl. The winners scored the game's final 20 points in a span of less than six minutes. Jeff Blake tossed for 378 yards and four TDs.

UCLA's Terry Donahue put his signature on the John Hancock Bowl, winning his eighth straight postseason clash. Unfortunately for the Bruins, their 6-3 triumph over Illinois came December 31, which is 24 hours prior to when Bruin squads traditionally con-

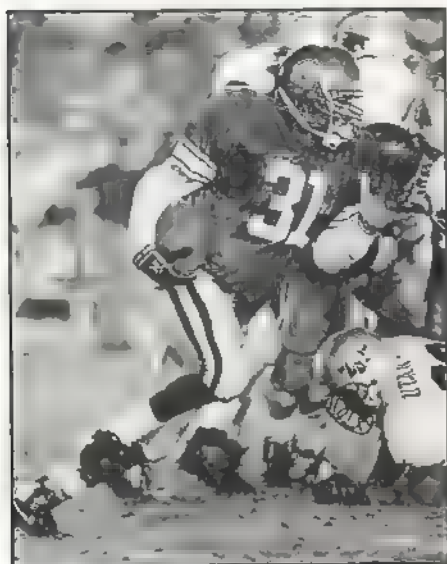
clude their campaigns. The losers were piloted for the first time by Lou Tepper, who was promoted from defensive coordinator when John Mackovic resigned to take the Texas job.

Indiana finished at 7-4-1 by defeating Baylor (8-4), 24-0, in the Copper Bowl. Two school records fell. Vaughn Dunbar's 106-yard rushing effort brought his season total to 1,805 while Trent Green passed for 165 more to finish at 2,627.

BYU (8-3-2) and Iowa (10-1-1) played to a 13-13 tie at the Holiday Bowl, thanks to a last-minute goal line interception by the Hawkeyes' Carlos James. At least the disappointing ending to Ty Detmer's career was better than last year's visit to San Diego when the then-Heisman winner separated both his shoulders in a 65-14 shellacking by Texas A&M.

Tulsa, the only team to beat Texas A&M in the regular season, rode Ron Jackson's 211 rushing yards to a 28-17 Freedom Bowl conquest of San Diego State. Jackson's four-TD effort gave his school its first postseason win since the 1964 Bluebonnet Bowl. It was engineered by the youngest Division I coach, Doug Rader, following a 3-8 season in 1990.

Detmer's best 1991 memory might be



Mazio Royster couldn't accept USC's disastrous 1991 campaign, so he left school early for the NFL draft.

his 377-yard, two-TD effort against UCLA, which put Ty ahead of ex-San Diego State pilot Todd Santos as the NCAA's all time passing yardage leader.

Marvin Graves passed for 309 yards as Syracuse (10-2) defeated Ohio State (8-4), 24-17, in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Other postseason winners included Bowling Green (California Bowl), Georgia Tech (Aloha), Georgia

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(Independence), Air Force (Liberty) and Oklahoma (Gator).

SHOCKS AND SURPRISES

Although New Year's Day games held form, there were a string of memorable upsets in 1991.

Baylor, which shocked Colorado in Boulder with Jeff Ireland's last-minute field goal, fell to 20½-point underdog Rice as Ireland missed three times after halftime.

Oct. 19, Vanderbilt overcame a two-TD deficit to snap its nine-game SEC losing streak at Georgia's expense, 27-25. The SEC road-losing skid ended the following Saturday when the team beat Mississippi (which was 5-2 at the time), 30-27.

"The Color Purple" was playing on TV screens Oct. 26. Clemson, sans its beloved orange shirts, knocked off N.C. State, 29-19. Perhaps there was something to the color scheme. Northwestern (which wins Big Ten games as often as Oklahoma players advance to law school) impersonated a grape as the team made Illinois see red in a driving rainstorm, 17-11.

The 1991 Golden Globe Drama Award went to Tennessee for the Vols' unbelievable comeback in South Bend. In 1990 Notre Dame extinguished Tennessee's national title dreams in Knoxville. The rematch saw Notre Dame rush for 233 yards in the initial half hour as they roared to a 31-7 lead.

Facing a third straight loss, Tennessee began its rally when Floyd Miley scampered 85 yards after Darryl Hardy blocked an Irish field goal try. That closed the gap to 31-14 at halftime.

The second half saw (pick one): A) The Vols take away ND's running game, B) Lou Holtz overreact by passing excessively, or, C) both of the above. Two Aaron Hayden scores, the last one on a 26 yard screen pass from Andy Kelly, put Tennessee in front. It was time for another dramatic Irish finish.

With only four seconds remaining, Notre Dame was camped on the visitor's 10. With Craig Hentrich injured, Rob Leonard's first field goal attempt could've made him a Gipp-like legend. His 27-yarder was heading in the right direction when it partially deflected off Jeremy Lincoln's butt. Tennessee literally won by the seat of the pants.

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

Although the league didn't keep official standings, Rutgers won the inaugural Big East contest, 20-13, over Boston College. A 5-1 start, including winning at Michigan State, teased Piscataway folks en route to yet another mediocre (6-5) Rutgers season.

These weren't good times in Auburn, either. It was bad enough that Alabama rebounded while Pat Dye's team lost three straight at Jordan Hare Stadium. Even worse, the issue of just what was on Eric Ramsey's tapes brought a Nixonian air to Dye's mounting woes. When Dye broke personal precedent by going for a late two-point conversion attempt, it backfired in a 10-9 loss to Southern Mississippi.

Also on the hot seat, OSU's John Cooper. Never mind that the old Woody Hayes approach of "three yards and a cloud of dust" doesn't apply to artificial turf. What rankled the Columbus posse was not winning every Saturday. Iowa's Matt Rodgers-inspired 16-9 conquest at Ohio State meant a slip into the middle of the Big Ten pack.

Houston's run 'n' shoot was shot. They were klungered by Miami (40-10) and, would you believe, Illinois (51-10)! Michigan State got off to a spartan start of five consecutive losses. USC dropped its last five outings to finish at 3-8, including its ninth straight blemish with Notre Dame (24-20).

HEISMAN HYPE AND NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

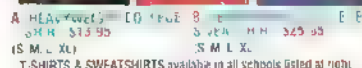
The year began with several Heisman hopefuls, but it wasn't long before the consensus was reached. Exit Detmer, Weldon and California's Russell White. Enter Michigan's Howard.

His Heisman hype began in earnest after a diving catch in the Notre Dame end zone of a 25-yard Elvis Grbac toss clinched a 24-14 win over the Irish. His 23 TD grabs included a Big Ten standard of 19. Howard's 93-yard punt return against Ohio State—followed by the "you know what" pose—was the longest in Michigan history.

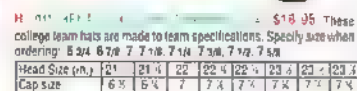
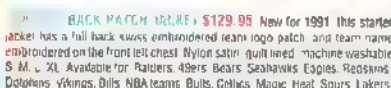
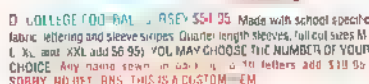
There were some pretty impressive performances on the ground. Calvin Jones hit the end zone six times in Nebraska's 59-23 win over Kansas. San Diego State freshman Marshall Faulk—who didn't even start!—set an NCAA Division I-A record with 386 yards (on 37 carries) during a 55-34 win over Pacific.

And, of course, hundreds of voters ran to the polls after New Year's Day. We Yanks wouldn't have it any other way. *

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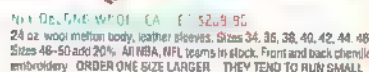
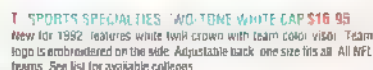
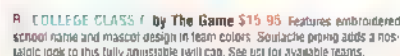


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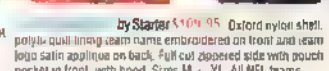
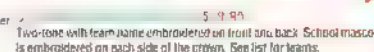


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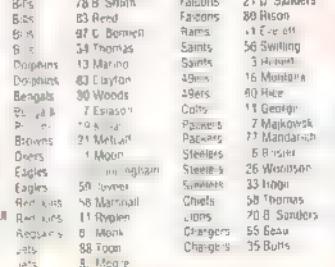
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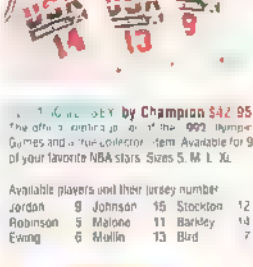
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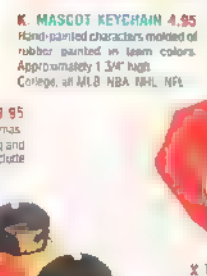
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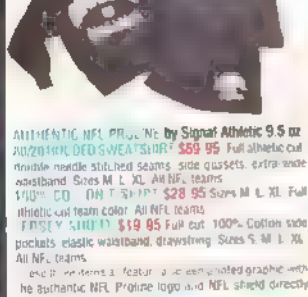
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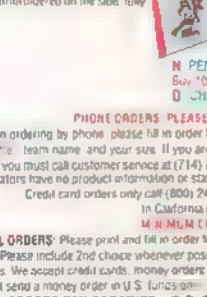
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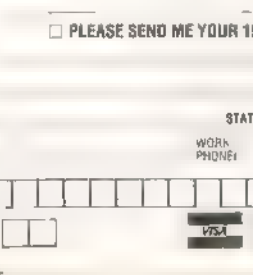
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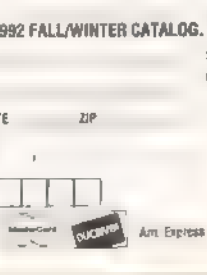
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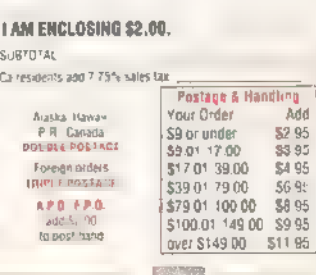
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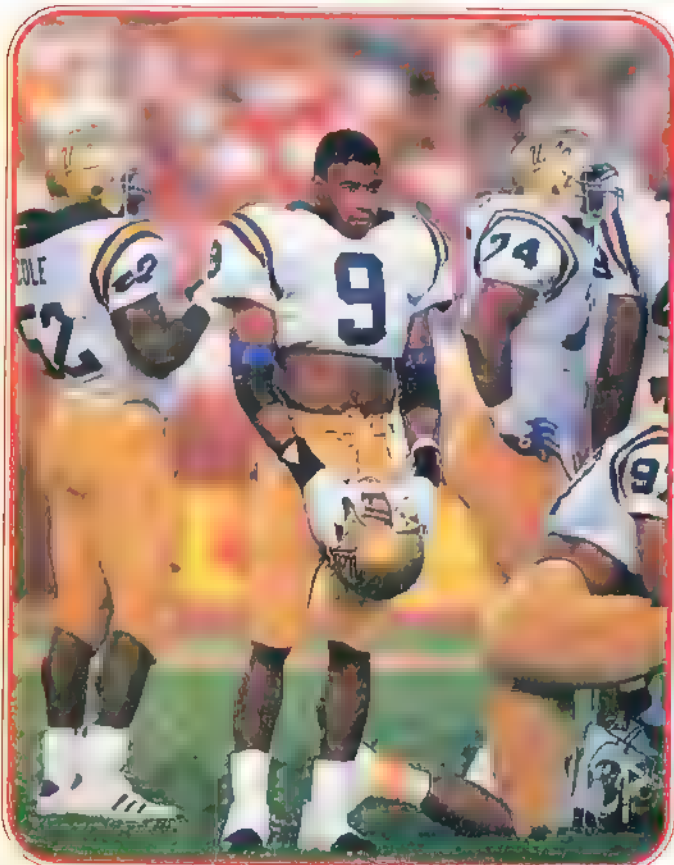
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**A LOOK BACK AT THE
OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS
WHO MADE 1991 A SEASON
TO REMEMBER**



Washington's Steve Emtman was the best defensive player in college football and was awarded both the Outland and Lombardi trophies.

PHOTO: JON SOOHOO/BERNSTEIN ASSOCIATES



Team defense helped the UCLA Bruins derail cross-town rival USC, 24-21, but wasn't enough to topple the Washington Huskies from the Pac-10 pinnacle.

PHOTO: AGGIE SKIRBALL



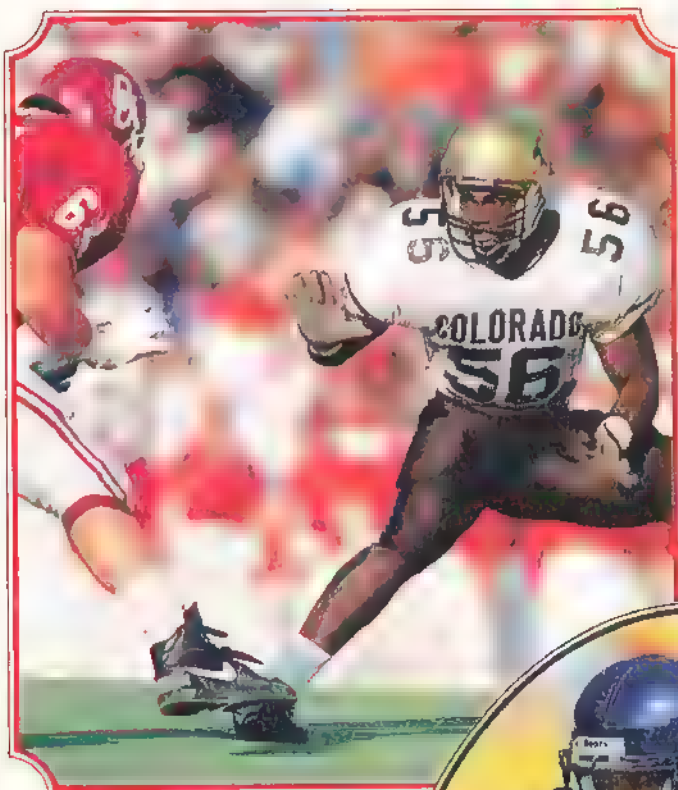
It was underpublicized, but the defensive wizardry of Chico Fraley is one reason the Washington Huskies won a portion of the National Championship.

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Quarterback David Klingler received little help from his offensive line, but still managed to pass for more than 3,000 yards for the Houston Cougars.

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Led by Ron Woolfork, the Colorado Buffaloes limited opponents to 13.6 points per game.

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Safety Matt Darby helped UCLA shut down Illinois in the John Hancock Bowl, 6-3.

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Cal's Brian Treggs had his shining moments at wide receiver, and the Bears profited with a second-place conference finish.

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Many tried, but rival blockers found it tough to keep Alonzo Spellman from his appointed duty. He led the Ohio State Buckeyes in tackles with 120.

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Miami's Carlos Huerta had the NCAA's best field-goal percentage last season.

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Nebraska's Keithen McCant didn't have many passing opportunities during the regular season, and it showed in a 22-0 loss to Miami in the Orange Bowl.

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Mike Gaddis propelled Oklahoma to a 9-3 final mark while rushing for more than 1,200 yards.

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The usually explosive USC Trojan running backs had a tough time finding daylight in '91, especially against Washington.

PHOTO: MATT C. SHAW

Mark Bounds singlehandedly turned Texas Tech's kicking woes into wonder after transferring from West Texas State.

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Darian Hagan came back from knee surgery and threw 12 regular-season touchdowns for Colorado.

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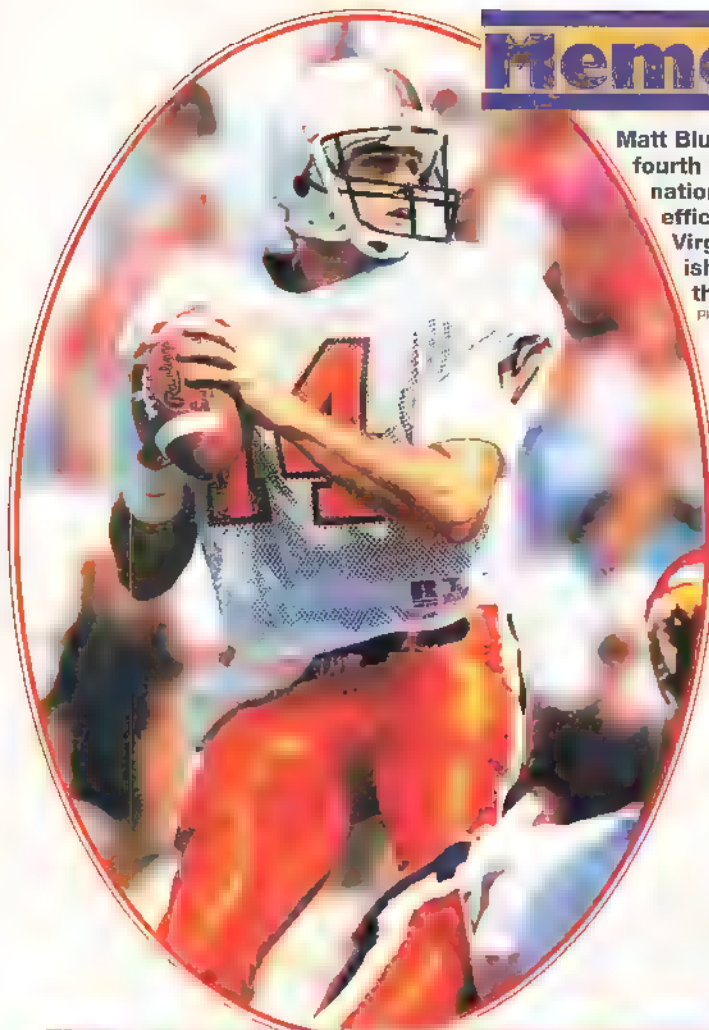
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Matt Blundin was fourth in the nation in passing efficiency, and Virginia finished fourth in the ACC.

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1990 champ Georgia Tech slipped in the standings last season. However, **Ken Swilling** remained one of the best safeties in college football.

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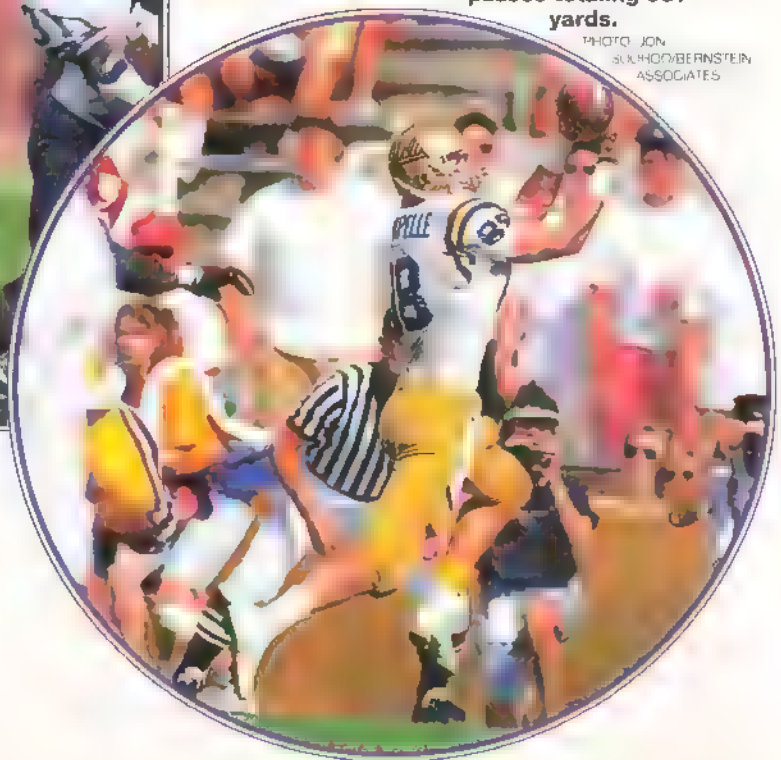


Beno Bryant was a pleasant surprise for Washington. He averaged six yards per carry.

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UCLA's Sean LaChapelle became Tommy Maddox's favorite target and caught 68 passes totaling 987 yards.

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(above) Tennessee's Carl Pickens proved he was a legitimate pro prospect after he caught 49 passes for 877 yards in '91.

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(below) Irish quarterbacks and runners are thankful they had Mirko Jurkovic to protect them from hostile defenders. Next season Jurkovic might be doing his bit in the NFL.

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Texas A&M linebacker Quentin Coryatt tallied two sacks in the Cotton Bowl, but the Aggies lost to Florida State, 10-2.

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Florida State's Terrell Buckley picked off an NCAA high 12 passes during his junior year, enough to send him searching for NFL gold early.

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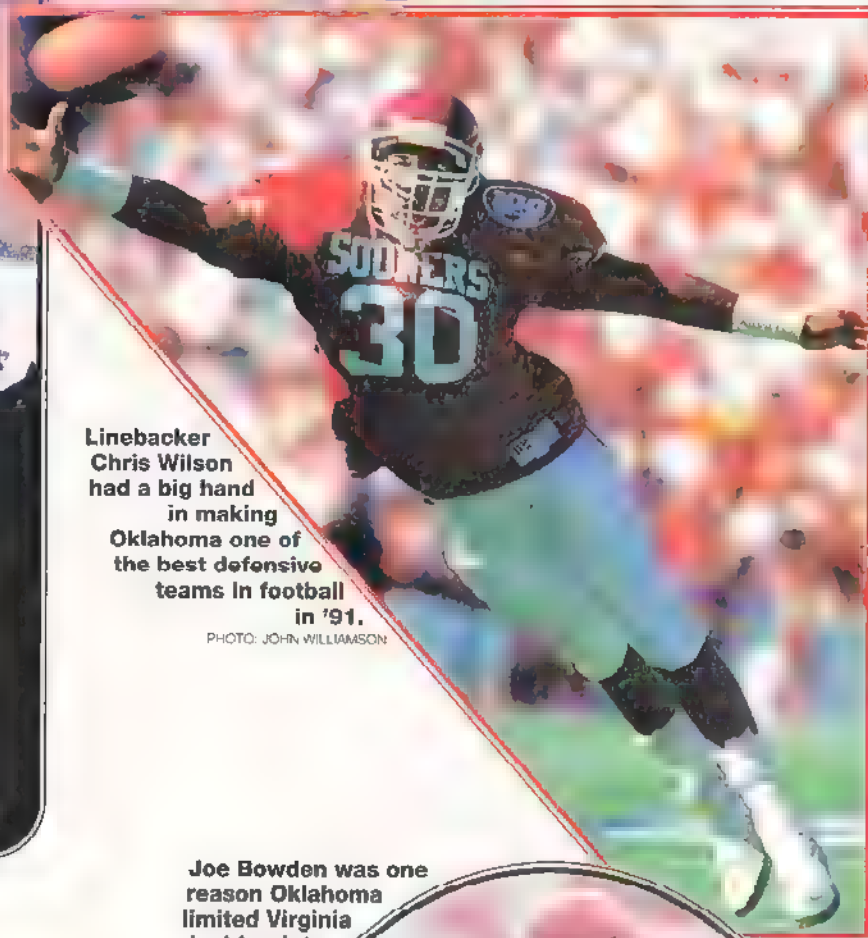


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Joel Steed and the Colorado Buffaloes powered their way to an 8-2-1 regular-season mark.

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Linebacker Chris Wilson had a big hand in making Oklahoma one of the best defensive teams in football in '91.

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Joe Bowden was one reason Oklahoma limited Virginia to 14 points in the Gator Bowl.

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Tailback David Mims paid dividends for the Baylor Bears by rushing for 852 yards.

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Greg Skrepenak and the Michigan Wolverines bullied their way to a 10-1 regular-season mark and claimed the Big Ten title.

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Tailback Amp Lee helped spark the Florida State Seminoles to an 11-2 overall mark, including an eight-point win over Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl.

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(left) Thanks to quarterback Rob Perez, Air Force made it to the Liberty Bowl and trounced Mississippi State, 38-15.

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(below) Texas had a lackluster '91 season, compiling just five victories, but one was especially sweet: a 10-7 ambush of Oklahoma.

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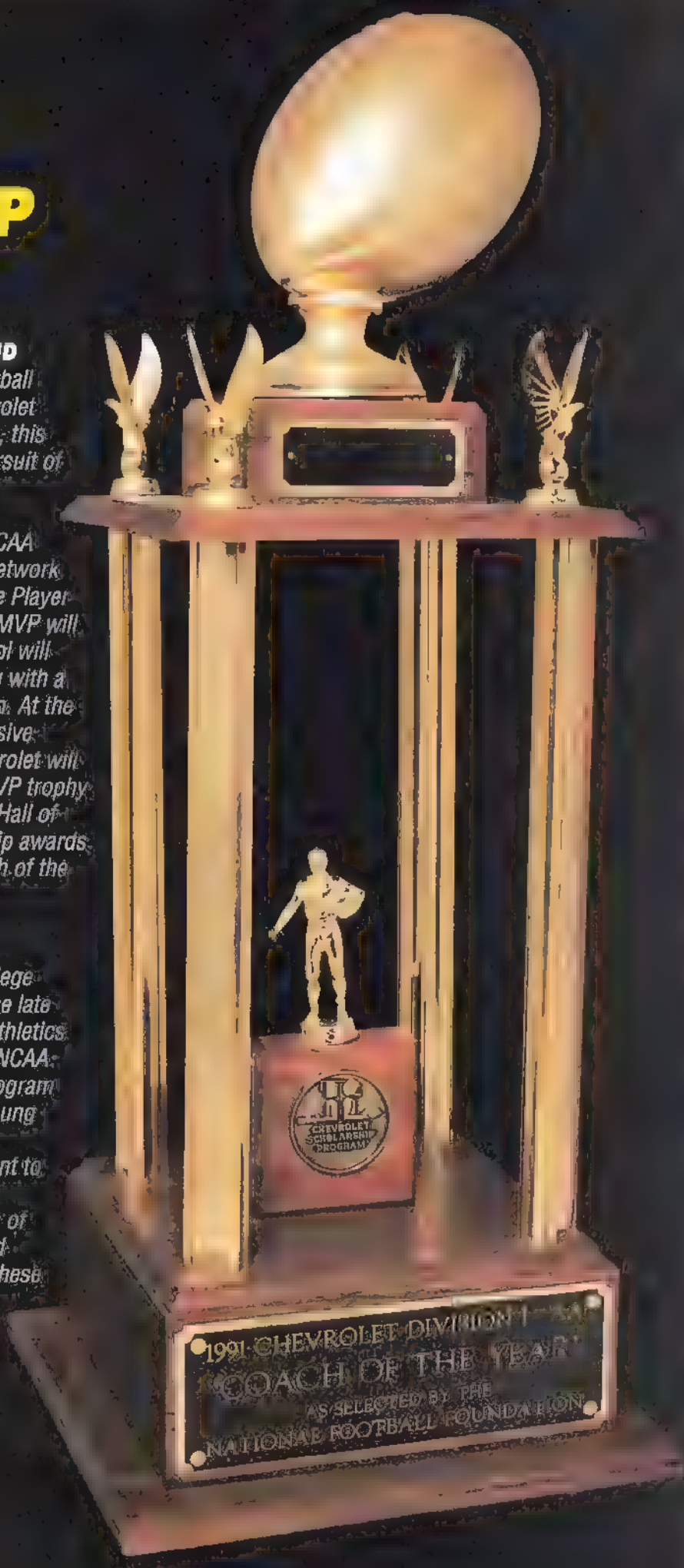
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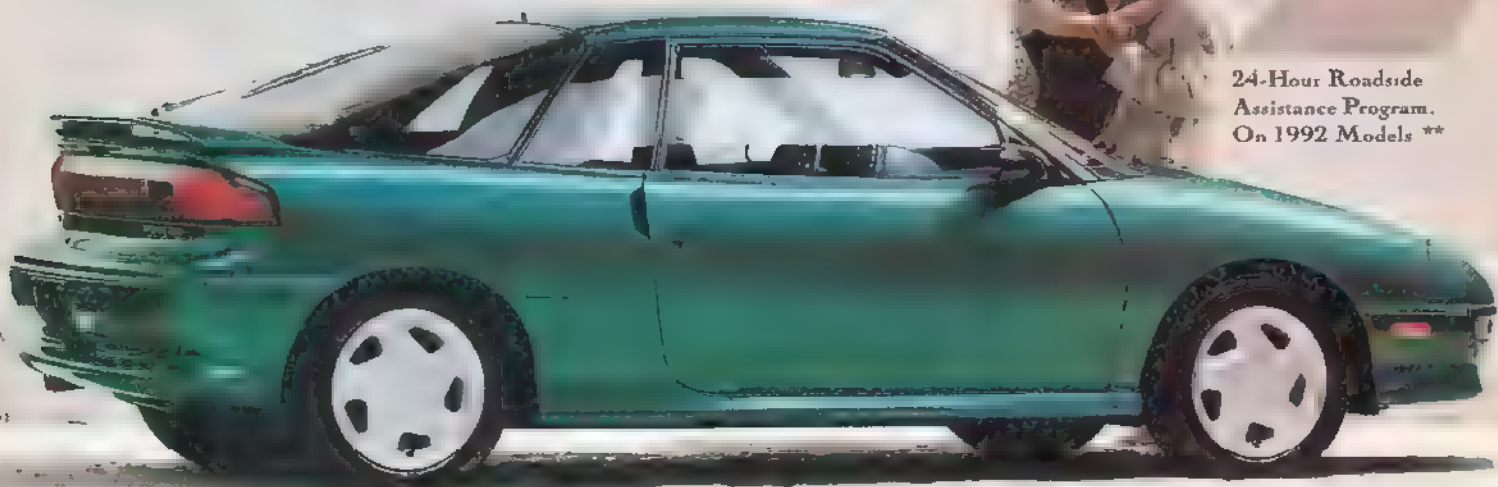
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Michigan Wolverines quarterback Elvis Grbac was the nation's top-rated passer during the 1991 season.

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Iowa quarterback Matt Rodgers passed for more than 2,000 yards during his senior year.

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Siran Stacy recovered from a knee injury to help Alabama edge Colorado in the Blockbuster Bowl, 30-25.

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1991 was a frustrating season for Jason Vandezco, who saw the Fighting Illini slip to 6-5 in the Big Ten.

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Not many touchdowns were scored against Tyrone Byrd. That's why the Nebraska Cornhuskers were able to win nine of 10 regular-season games.

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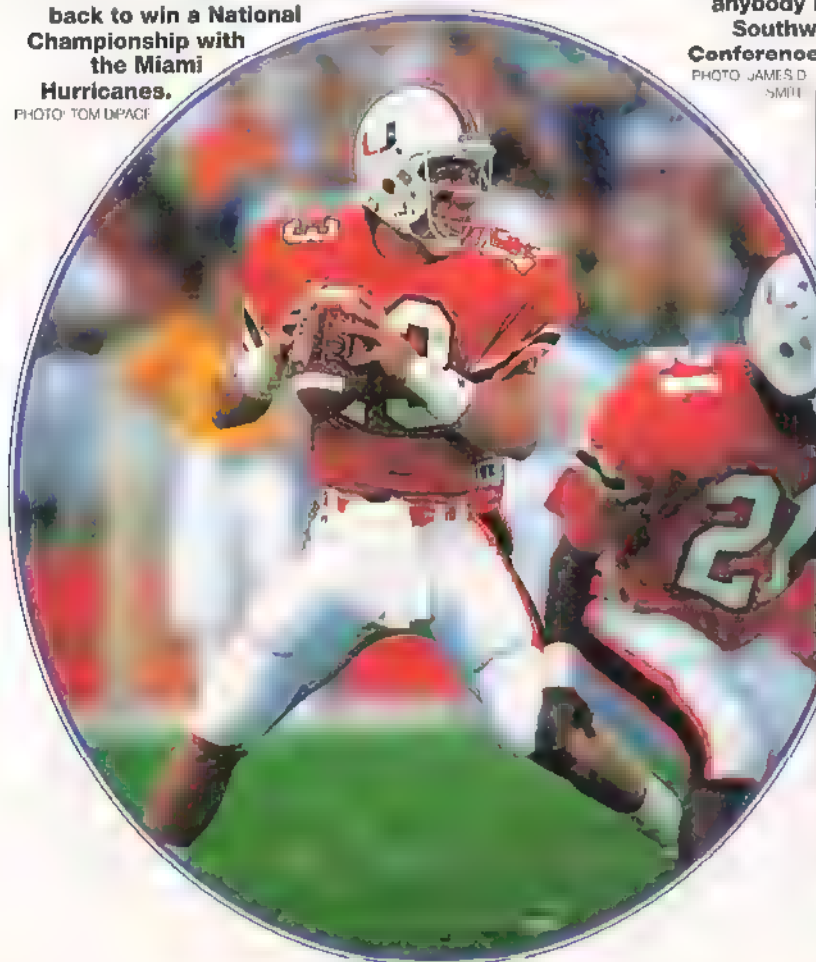


Indiana's Vaughn Dunbar led the league in rushing yards, but his team failed to make a Bowl appearance.

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Gino Torretta became the fourth quarterback to win a National Championship with the Miami Hurricanes.

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Shane Dronett is a fierce pass-rusher, but the Texas Longhorns didn't scare anybody in the Southwest Conference.

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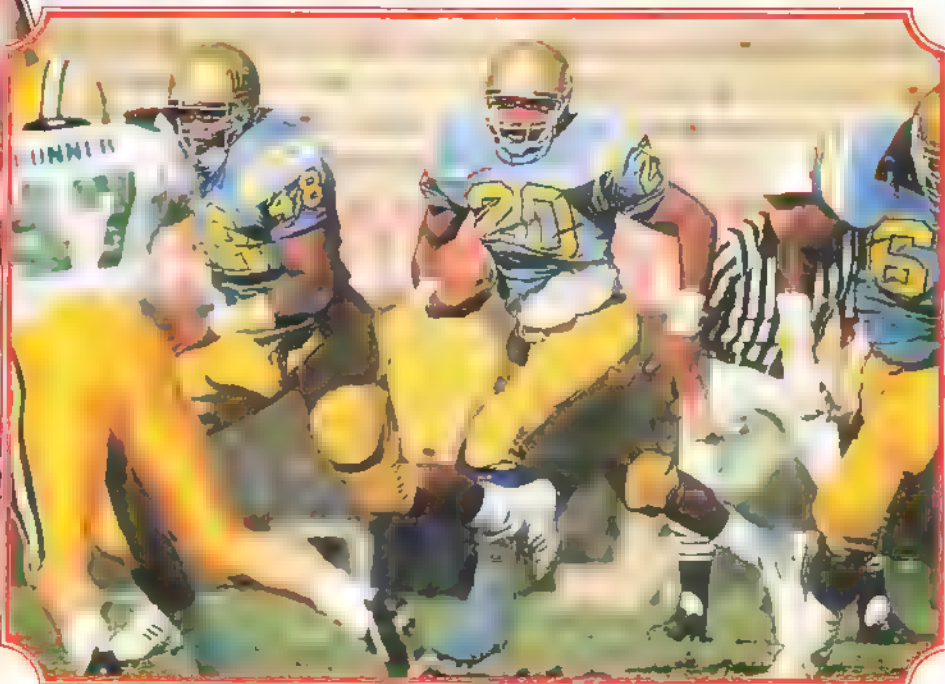


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With Will Furrer as the signal-caller Virginia Tech won only five games.

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Without running back Kevin Williams, UCLA wouldn't have reached the John Hancock Bowl last season.

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Safety Dale Carter was Tennessee's best punt-return specialist last season.

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Ty Detmer became BYU's all-time leading passer, but he again failed to lead the team to a national championship.

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25 Taskmasters Who've Mastered The Art Of Winning And Survival

By Filip Bondy

Some of them have grand plans. Some have great recruiting energy. Some just happened to be in the right ivy-covered place at the right semester.

The top college football coaches in America got where they are today through a combination of factors, but only the very best have both real impact and staying power. That's why we devised the Petersen Scale, which ranks America's elite football leaders according to their true wallop on a football program. Any idiot can drive a Mercedes around for a few years, but it takes a true genius to turn his bashed-up Edsel into a durable Rolls-Royce.

We rated only last season's most successful college coaches, those with teams that finished in the Top 25 in the AP poll. We compared their marks with those of their predecessors at the same college to gauge their impact. We multiplied that differential by years at the same program to figure in consistency, commitment and the ability to avoid a career-detouring recruiting scandal.

The winner? A native Utahan who stuck close to home and turned a pumpkin of a program at Brigham Young into Air LaVell. Here, a list of our top coaches, by modus operandi and by rating:

VISIONARIES

When LaVell Edwards (No. 1, 6.32) took over at BYU in 1972, the Cougars had averaged fewer than three wins a year for 47 dreary football seasons. He

turned it around by developing a simple concept: Get the best quarterback available and throw the daylights out of a football game.

From Gary Sheide to Gifford Nielson to Jim McMahon to Steve Young to Marc Wilson to Robbie Bosco to Ty Detmer, Edwards kept the ball in the air. He also managed to keep his team high in the ratings and visibility with near-perfect records against flawed opponents. "You can schedule yourself right out of business," Edwards says. So he doesn't.

Dennis Erickson (No. 9, .843) has a vision at Miami, and that vision is a blur. Speed kills opponents, as Erickson's shared national championship last season again demonstrated. Erickson recruits the fastest players available, then finds a place for them to play.

"If we don't feel they can run at one position, we'll move them to another," he says. "The last couple of years, a lot of people have been trying to emulate what we're doing defensively." Even borrowing his methods might not ensure the same success. Erickson has a national recruiting base because of the beach in his backyard.

Don James (No. 7, 1.75), last year's other co-champ and the winner of the Bear Bryant Award as Coach of the Year, has a different idea. To James size and power still matter, still win football games. James was pleasantly surprised when his fellow coaches voted the Huskies No. 1 in one poll, but he

wasn't shocked at all to be snubbed by sportswriters in the AP poll.

"I've never felt an Eastern bias as much as I have a lack of visibility," James says. "Writers go to bed not knowing what we've done. It's mostly been a matter of time zones."

Over the long haul Ken Hatfield (No. 13, .456) will look to short yardage. The Clemson coach, 19-4-1 in his first two seasons since defecting from Arkansas, is more comfortable with the ball on the ground, and specializes in rushing offense and defense.

Hatfield is an interesting contradiction, a conservative accounting major who was once one of the Razorbacks' flashiest punt returners. Now he's more the accountant than dazzler, with

1. Clemson head coach Ken Hatfield loves the running game, but detests turnovers.

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2. Hayden Fry of Iowa is a master psychologist who'll use any ploy to motivate his charges or distract his opponent.

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3. UCLA's Terry Donahue is a meticulous coaching veteran who knows how to win bowl games.

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4. Sound preparation and mistake-free football are trademarks of Joe Paterno-coached Penn State teams.

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5. Florida State's Bobby Bowden is a winner, but has had problems beating Miami.

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turnovers as his bottom line.

Fisher DeBerry (No. 8, .153) likes to run the wishbone triple option whenever possible, which means the man doesn't have much of a coach's ego. That play, as DeBerry himself admits, "puts the entire game in the hands of the quarterback."

DeBerry's quarterbacks are doing just fine, since Air Force again won the Commander in Chief's Trophy and \$1 million last winter for its appearance in the Liberty Bowl.

INSTITUTIONS

Joe Paterno (No. 2, 3.85) begins another season at Penn State with the same philosophy he had 27 years ago: Run a clean program and a tidy football game. His teams traditionally make few mistakes, take few chances and dot all the I's. Special teams are special, and when things get messy, there's usually a great linebacker to tidy up.

"If you just don't panic and stick to your knitting, you'll work your way through," says Paterno, who's looking forward to life in the Big Ten-plus-one (beginning with the 1993 campaign). Straight-laced and Republican, Paterno's very visible politics echo his playing style, but the native Brooklynite has an infallible record most of his conservative politico buddies can only envy.

Nobody can charm an audience better than the sincere, funny, snake-bitten Bobby Bowden (No. 3, 3.63). Bowden, 62 years old, has seven straight bowl wins, but has lost six of his last seven showdowns with Miami, four of them by a measly point.

"Lord, I hate pity," Bowden says. "The old national championship thing—it doesn't bother me one bit. And yet my boys want it. They want to have it. I want them to have it. I want Florida State to have it."

But there's always Miami standing in the way. Last year when a 34-yard field goal sailed wide with 25 seconds left in the Miami game, Bowden aged several years. "They're going to chisel on my tombstone, 'He played Miami,'" Bowden said.

About 10 years ago Hayden Fry (No. 5, 2.16) decided to paint the visitors' locker room pink at Kinnick Stadium at Iowa City. This was just one of Fry's many psychological ploys, like screaming at referees and downplaying his own talent. Whatever he has done for the past 16 years, most of it has worked. Fry has lifted a program that once ranked with the Wisconsin and Northwesterns and

now threatens the Michigans and Penn States. His contract through 1997 ensures Fry will be torturing Paterno with his typically explosive offense for several more seasons.

Terry Donahue (No. 6, 1.86) seems to have recovered from two dreary losing seasons at UCLA, having won his eighth straight bowl game last year with a massive defensive line and his usual assortment of temper tantrums along the sideline. After 16 seasons Donahue has been around long enough to annoy some of the greats of the game like Bo Schembechler, who still holds a mild grudge for past bowl indignities.

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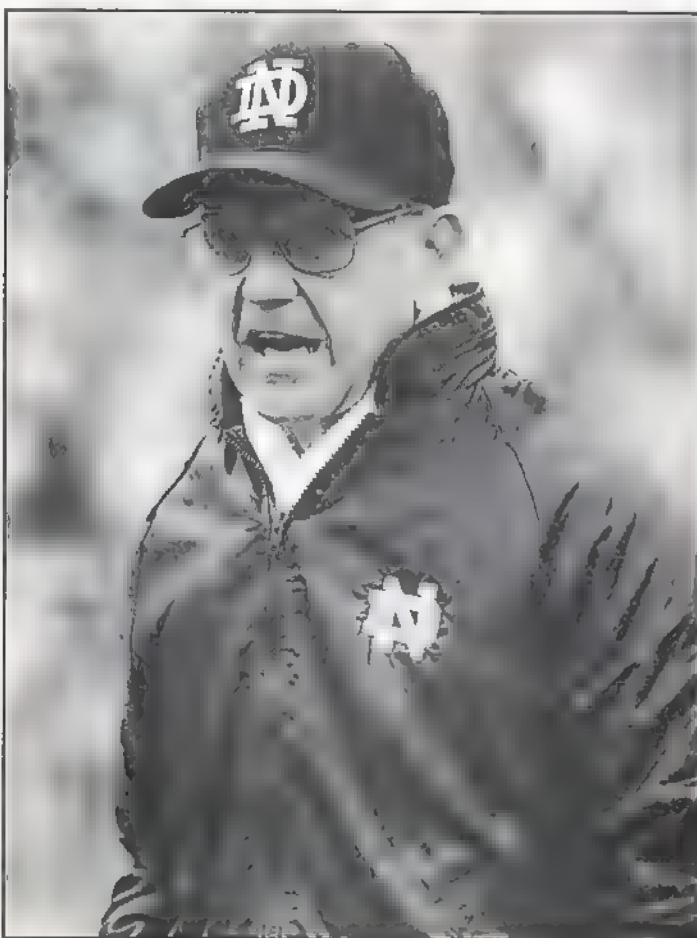
One great season in 1990 fortified Bill McCartney's (No. 23, -.420) little fiefdom at Colorado and provided him with the power to insult half the Boulder population. His fundamentalist stances against abortion, homosexuals and for team prayer have made him a hero to some, an embarrassment to most. Colorado Rep. Patricia Schroeder reportedly called him a "self-appointed Ayatollah." McCartney, with his 15-year contract, plans to be around insulting people in Boulder for quite some time.

CAREER CLIMBERS

It's too early to tell how Paul Pasqualoni (No. 14, .240) will fare at Syracuse, where his Orangemen were a healthy 10-2 for his first season. Pasqualoni already proved he works hard when he hung on to every recruit who had committed to Syracuse before his promotion in 1991. Pasqualoni brings a linebacker's mentality to his sport. He reads and sets up defenses better from the sidelines than he ever managed as a player at Penn State. "I may have been the worst linebacker in school history," Pasqualoni says.

It took Bill Lewis (No. 19, -.132) 28 years to get some professional momentum, but now at age 50 there's no stopping him. Lewis, an obsessive control freak and defensive specialist, parlayed an 11-1 season at East Carolina into an irresistible head coaching job offer at Georgia Tech. Lewis is the quintessential, drab, dedicated football coach, a man who loves his sport, does his homework and is nobody's favorite interview. "I'm a very positive person," Lewis says. "I think football is the greatest of all sports." Good luck to those Georgia Tech beat writers.

Bruce Snyder (No. 20, -.230) parlayed one decent season at California into a new job—at more than double the money. A 10-2 record took him from \$250,000 a year at Cal to \$600,000



Lou Holtz has given up his dream of becoming a pro coach again and settled into the pressure cooker at Notre Dame.

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a year at Arizona State. That amounts to a \$35,000 raise per victory. Snyder's reputation was made with a 52-30 rout of USC, the most points ever scored on the Trojans. Did Snyder run up the score? "You like to score," he said. "It's kind of fun."

Dennis Green (No. 22, -.366), last season of surprising Stanford and this season of the Minnesota Vikings, has managed to carve a winning reputation from losing teams, gaining the reputation as a man who can squeeze the most football juice from arid academic institutions. When Green was 3-8 at Northwestern in 1982, he won Big Ten Coach of the Year honors for knocking off Minnesota and Michigan State. Only the second active black NFL coach, Green insists color is no barrier to him. "I never overexamined it," he says. "A guy can make his way up the ladder." At age 42 with a five-year pro contract Green is already high up on the rungs. Now the overachieving coach takes on the most underachieving of all NFL teams, while his mentor Bill Walsh follows in his student's footsteps at Stanford.

Keep an eye on David Rader (No. 24, -.424) of Tulsa, who moved from receivers coach at Alabama to offensive coordinator at Mississippi State to head coach at rejuvenated Tulsa. Top 25 finishes are rewarded, one way or another.

HANGING IN THERE

Bad news has started to cling to Tom Osborne (No. 4, 3.00), the consistently successful coach of Nebraska, where winning was always enough. There was a storm over the eligibility of senior fullback Omar Soto. Then, seven of Osborne's football players were cited for assault after a brawl with baseball players, and Osborne kicked two of them off the team. Finally in February running back Scott Baldwin faced two assault charges for allegedly beating a Lincoln, Nebraska, woman.

All of this has caused some questions to be asked about Osborne's recruiting standards. In any case, Osborne is the nation's winningest, active, experienced coach, with his .808 percentage, with 22 seasons of nine or more wins, but he's without a national championship. "It isn't like we've been ignored," he says.



BYU's Lavelle Edwards warrants our highest rating. He's a winner who knows how to work up a favorable schedule for his team.

"But we're like part of the puzzle that's a little bit insignificant."

Sometimes, it's surprising Tennessee's Johnny Majors (No. 25, -.705) has sur-

EXPLAINING THE PETERSEN RATING SYSTEM

The cumulative record of each head coach at his 1991 college was compared with the record of that college before his arrival. That positive or negative differential was then multiplied by the coach's tenure in years at that college in order to obtain his Petersen Rating.

In order to qualify for a rating, a coach's team had to finish in the top 25 of the Jan. 2, 1992, Associated Poll.

COACH	COLLEGE	COACH'S RECORD AT COLLEGE (PERCENTAGE)	COLLEGE'S RECORD BEFORE COACH ARRIVED (PERCENTAGE)	PCT DIFFERENTIAL	NO. OF YEARS AT COLLEGE	PETERSEN RATING
1. Lavelle Edwards	BYU	183-62-3 (.744)	173-235-23 (.428)	.316	20	6.32
2. Joe Paterno	Penn St.	240-62-3 (.792)	417-222-38 (.644)	.148	26	3.85
3. Bobby Bowden	FSU	143-44-3 (.761)	150-130-13 (.534)	.227	16	3.632
4. Tom Osborne	Nebraska	186-43-3 (.808)	467-243-37 (.650)	.158	19	3.00
5. Hayden Fry	Iowa	100-51-5 (.657)	354-368-33 (.491)	.166	13	2.16
6. Terry Donahue	UCLA	125-54-8 (.690)	298-217-29 (.574)	.116	16	1.856
7. Don James	Washington	142-56-2 (.715)	404-247-47 (.612)	.103	17	1.751
8. Fisher DeBerry	Air Force	65-33-1 (.662)	134-151-12 (.471)	.191	8	1.53
9. Dennis Erickson	Miami	33-3 (.917)	358-253-19 (.636)	.281	3	.843
10. Dick Shendan	N.C. State	43-26-2 (.620)	375-40-52 (.484)	.136	6	.816
11. R.C. Slocum	Texas A&M	28-9-1 (.750)	500-249-46 (.684)	.166	4	.664
12. Steve Spurrier	Florida	19-4 (.826)	452-322-39 (.580)	.246	2	.492
13. Ken Hatfield	Clemson	19-4-1 (.813)	493-343-44 (.693)	.228	2	.456
14. Paul Pasqualoni	Syracuse	10-2 (.833)	557-375-48 (.593)	.240	1	.240
15. Gary Moeller	Michigan	19-5 (.792)	703-293-33 (.743)	.049	2	.098
16. Gene Stallings	Alabama	18-6 (.750)	651-228-43 (.719)	.031	2	.062
17. Gary Gibbs	Oklahoma	24-10 (.706)	621-223-50 (.723)	-.017	3	-.051
18. Lou Holtz	Notre Dame	56-17-0 (.767)	736-192-40 (.781)	.014	6	.084
19. Bill Lewis	E. Carolina	33-33-2 (.500)	242-222-10 (.522)	-.022	6	-.132
20. Bruce Snyder	California	28-24-4 (.536)	489-344-47 (.582)	-.046	5	-.230
21. Ray Goff	Georgia	19-16 (.543)	555-309-63 (.634)	.091	3	-.273
22. Dennis Green	Stanford	16-18 (.471)	450-301-47 (.593)	-.122	3	-.366
23. Bill McCartney	Colorado	66-48-3 (.577)	474-295-31 (.619)	-.042	10	-.420
24. David Rader	Tulsa	23-23 (.500)	443-283-26 (.606)	-.106	4	-.424
25. Johnny Majors	Tennessee	111-59-8 (.646)	507-212-44 (.693)	-.047	15	-.705

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vived as long as he has. His record isn't that good, considering the football tradition at this school, and for the past two seasons a variety of brushfires has distracted the team. Three players recruited by Majors were suspended in 1990 for curfew violations, and last year the NCAA investigated charges of recruiting and summer-camp violations. Still, Majors' Vols seem to come up with one big victory a season—last year it was against Notre Dame—that sustains his career

FOOTSTEP FOLLOWERS

Steve Spurrier (No. 12, .492) is an interesting instance of a coach living in his own shadow. As the Florida quarterback in 1966, Spurrier won the Heisman Trophy. Now he's trying to find clones of himself to fill his own shoes. Shane Matthews was as close as Spurrier could get without dressing himself. That was a great start, but it'll be interesting to see if Spurrier can consistently recruit that sort of quality player for the third most visible football program in the state.

Gary Moeller (No. 15, .098) of

Michigan inherited a real football machine two years ago from his predecessor, mentor and boss, Bo Schembechler. He hasn't loused it up, finishing his first seasons with No. 7 and No. 6 national rankings for the Wolverines in the AP poll. Moeller's background, as both a defensive and offensive coordinator at Michigan, gave him a special education that more head coaches probably should acquire. Mostly, though, Moeller learned at the knee of Schembechler, as far back as 1967 at Miami, Ohio. Now if he could just find someone to teach him about winning a Rose Bowl, Moeller's preparedness would be complete.

Gene Stallings (No. 16, .062) keeps telling people he isn't Bear Bryant. After his 11-1 finish last season and a fifth place rating in the polls, though, people are bound to make comparisons. "I understand the situation here at Alabama, the pressure and everything associated with winning," Stallings says. "I have ties to Coach Bryant, and I'm glad I worked for him, but I'm not Coach Bryant."

Still, three seasons as a player and seven seasons as an assistant coach under Bryant have had their effect on Bebe Stallings, who also worked with a guy named Tom Landry for 14 fairy tale seasons with the Cowboys. So

much winning tends to be contagious.

UP FROM THE ASHES

R.C. Slocum (No. 11, .664) was an assistant at Texas A&M under Jackie Sherrill when the school suffered yet another Southwest Conference scandal and was placed on probation. In four seasons the Aggies have regained respectability on and off the field.

Gary Gibbs (No. 17, -.051) took over as head coach at Oklahoma under unenviable conditions from Barry Switzer in 1988. The team was on probation and under a microscope. After a slow 7-4 start Gibbs has started to climb out of the abyss, but he has yet to demonstrate any truly enlightened thinking. When the NCAA voted to limit practice time in 1991 in order to give students more time for studies, Gibbs might as well have been Switzer when he said, "The quality of the game will be affected. It disturbs me."

Georgia, not so long ago embroiled in a legal controversy over ignoring its players' academic deficiencies, has a different sort of taskmaster in Ray Goff (No. 21, -.273). Goff gave detention to linebacker Greg Jackson and tackle Curt Douglas, sitting both players for the Independence Bowl, because of academic shortcomings. "That's their first priority," Goff said. "It's what all our athletes are here for." Subversive stuff, to say the least.

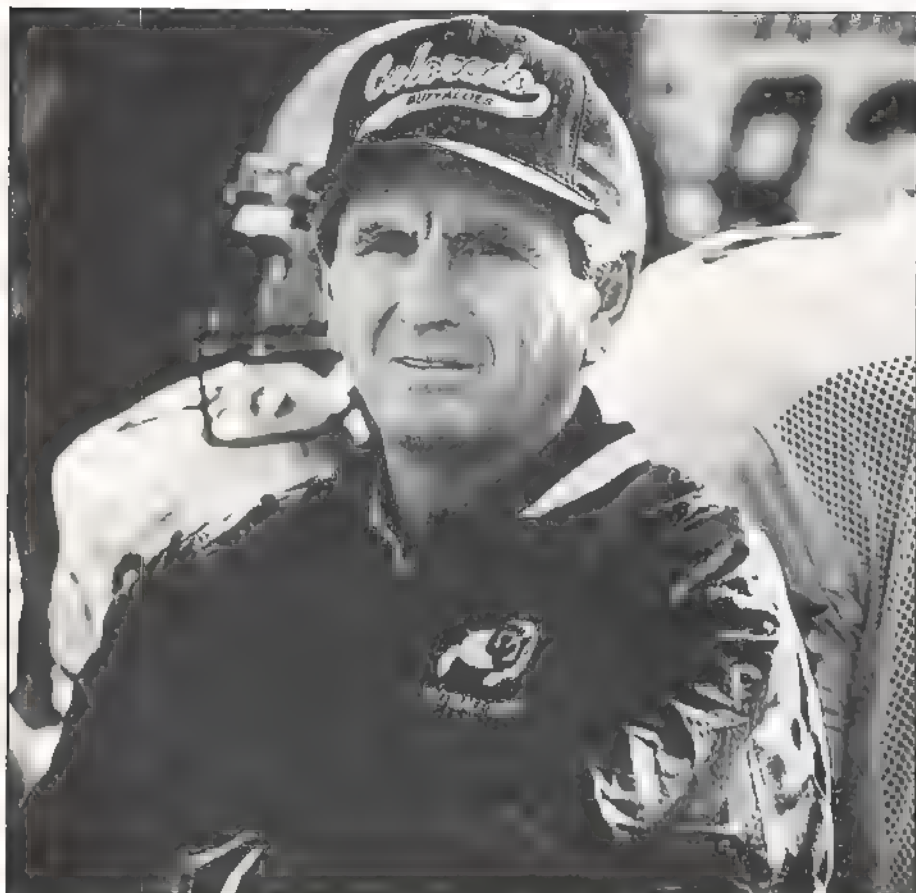
NOT GOIN' NOWHERE

Head coaches who turn programs around are in demand everywhere, and North Carolina State's Dick Sheridan (No. 10, .816) is certainly no exception. Sheridan, who actually manages to coach football and have fun at the same time, has turned down jobs at Louisiana State and Georgia. He's such a loyal guy, he didn't even want to come to N.C. State from Furman six years ago. He did, however, and a sub-.500 program has never been the same.

Lou Holtz (No. 18, -.084) finally settled in at Notre Dame, signed a five-year contract and gave up his dream of returning to the pros. "Deep down inside I wanted to go back to the pros because that's the one thing I walked away from and didn't see through," Holtz says.

Instead Holtz has decided to take a more active role in Notre Dame's defense, which had become something of a laughingstock the past two seasons. Considering tradition and his national recruiting base, Holtz's record with the Fighting Irish (56-17 in six seasons) is less than eye-opening.

Maybe he needs a concept: Air Holtz? The Fighting Wishbone? In college football a coach with vision is worth a dozen scholarships. *



Bill McCartney's views on controversial issues may be offensive to some people, but few can knock his coaching ability.

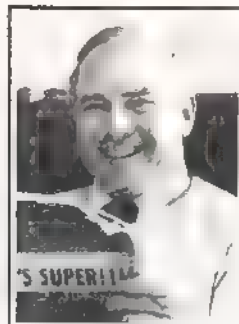
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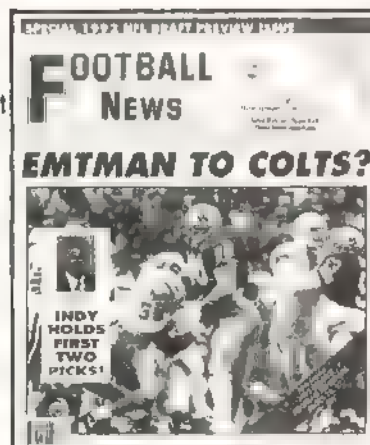
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Penn State in the Big Ten

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By George Hammond
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Ten years ago, Penn State's perfect world would've included an all-sports conference composed of Eastern independents. Such a conference exists now—only the names have changed. Instead of Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Syracuse, the schools have a more Midwestern flavor and include Michigan, Purdue and Illinois.

For Penn State to achieve its goal, the Nittany Lions heeded Horace Greeley's advice to go West. When they begin conference play in Big Ten football for the 1993 season, the shock waves may still exist from a move made public in late 1989. That move began a domino effect in college football, the likes of which haven't been seen before.

"Penn State moving to the Big Ten has to be one of the biggest occurrences to happen to college athletics in a long time," says Jim Tarman, the school's athletic director. No one could argue, but why would one of the most successful independents in college football history give up its autonomy to join a league that hasn't produced a national champion since 1968? Why would it join a league where it must share its gate receipts with 10 other conference members? And why would it join a conference in which the closest member is more than 300 miles away?

"There are a lot of intriguing matches," says Ed Sherman, national college football writer for the *Chicago Tribune*. "Penn State-Ohio State and Penn State-Michigan should be tremendous games.... But a lot of people are won-



Head Coach Joe Paterno has made the Lions a perennial power as an independent, and his team shouldn't have any problems successfully competing against the Big Ten's elite.

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dering why Penn State. It's not a matter of pro or con as much as it is how does Penn State qualify as a Midwestern school?"

It doesn't if you go by the distance between the Big Ten's newest entry—the first to join since Michigan State in 1949—and some other members. The distance between State College, Pennsylvania, and Minneapolis, for instance, is 1,100 miles. Iowa City is 1,000 miles away, and Bloomington, Indiana, is 630 miles from Happy Valley. The Nittany Lions' closest opponent is Ohio State—a scant 345 miles across state lines.

"People have the idea we're going into the Midwest; we're not," said



When the Nittany Lions begin Big Ten play, they'll be without two of their current bright stars, wide receiver O.J. McDuffie (above) and linebacker Rich McKenzie (below).

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Paterno shortly after the Big Ten invitation was extended. "We're going to be the Eastern representative of the Big Ten, just as Miami is going to be a Southern representative of the Big

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Ten, just as Miami is going to be a Southern representative of the Big East."

For now the conference plans on keeping its Big Ten title, although the league has placed a cleverly designed 11 in its logo. Given his track record, however, it probably won't take Joe Paterno long to place the newest member among the conference elite.

What Penn State has done in recent years—with or without the Big Ten—is to go national. While its schedule once was strictly Eastern (in Paterno's early years), the school has expanded its horizons in recent seasons. With nearly 12,000 alumni in California, 5,000 in Texas and another 8,000 in Florida, Penn State has made a conscious effort to play football games in nearly every corner of the nation. In recent years the Lions made trips to Miami and Southern Cal and will make a trek to Provo, Utah, to play Brigham Young in 1992.

"We're a national school, and I think we have to play a national schedule," explains Paterno.

That makes the alumni in those areas happy, but what about the folks back home? A road trip to Syracuse, Rutgers or even Boston College is a lot easier than a weekend jaunt to Champaign, Illinois.

Penn State, of course, set in motion a whirlwind of change with its move to the Big Ten. Shortly thereafter, Arkansas ended a productive 76-year affiliation with the Southwest Conference to join the Southeastern Conference while Miami, Florida State and South Carolina, joined the Big East, Atlantic Coast Conference and SEC, respectively.

"Certainly no one here [at Penn State] imagined that our move to the Big Ten would trigger all this," Tarman said. "We weren't shopping around. We made a decision as a hedge against the future.... But I don't think the Big East Football Conference ever would've happened had Penn State not gone to the Big Ten."

Had Penn State shopped for the best offer, one suitor reportedly would've been the ACC, but Tarman says the Nittany Lions wouldn't have been interested. "The Big Ten is more like Penn State than the ACC is," he says. "The Big Ten is all large, land-grant research universities and simply a better fit for us."

"This move was made for more than football and the other sports. It's some-

thing that the college presidents wanted to do and have talked about for a long time.... Maybe we could've stayed an independent in football, but we don't know what the future will hold. I'm not saying the next guy isn't going to be as successful as Joe Paterno, but the financial aspects are uncertain."

Security. That's what the Big Ten provides.

Other than Notre Dame, which broke away from the College Football Association last year to cut its own \$38 million TV deal with NBC, not many independents—even one as large as Penn State—are willing to be on a limb by themselves these days.



Huge, rowdy crowds are one thing Penn State won't have to get used to when they join the Big Ten.

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For Penn State, a land-grant college with philosophies similar to the Big Ten schools, it was as Tarman says, "a good fit." Nor did it hurt that the chairman of the Council of Ten (league presidents), Illinois' Stan Ikenberry, is a former Penn State vice president.

Before the Nittany Lions jump into Big Ten competition, though, they'll spend the '92 season in limbo. Because Penn State is out of the newly formed bowl alliance, and because it's not yet eligible for Big Ten-affiliated berths with the Rose, Citrus or Holiday Bowls, the possibility exists the Lions could be shut out of a major bowl.

"We're caught in limbo, just like in basketball," Tarman says. "I don't like it, but I can understand why we're not in the consortium. In order to be in the alliance, a lot of those bowls had to sign multi-year deals. But up until the middle of January [1992] we were led to believe we'd be in the mix as far as the at-large teams were concerned."

That's this year. Beginning next season, however, the Lions—who've

played for the national title four times in the last 14 years—should immediately become one of the Big Ten's stronger teams and a contender for the Rose Bowl.

Overall, Penn State is 16-17-2 against Big Ten teams, but since 1966 when Paterno arrived, the Lions are 9-6. Excluding Michigan State, which holds a commanding 8-1-1 record against the Lions, Penn State is 15-9-1. The school last played a Big Ten team in 1984, when it faced an Iowa team led by quarterback Chuck Long and running back Ronnie Harmon. Penn State won, 20-17. Original projections called for Penn State to begin conference play in football in 1995, but that was moved up in order to expedite the Lions' entrance.

Other than Michigan, Penn State has the largest stadium and averages more than any other Big Ten school for home attendance (last year's average was 95,486). In fact, it ranked third in the nation in home attendance in 1991 after Michigan and Tennessee. They'll open their '93 season at home against Minnesota and will play eight conference foes. The conference helped ease the transition for Penn State and departed from the traditional format of playing eight conference games the final eight weeks of the season.

Not all are happy, however. "A lot of the Big Ten coaches dislike the current setup," Sherman adds. "If you miss playing the right two schools, then it could have a profound effect on the standings." Everybody knows there's a big difference between a Rose Bowl bid and a Citrus Bowl berth that's slotted for the Big Ten runner-up.

The Lions will have two open dates in '93 and two in '94. They'll finish the regular season against Michigan State, which will replace rival Pitt as the Nittany Lions' season-ending opponent. They'll also immediately begin to participate in the Big Ten's revenue-sharing plan, part of that Big Ten security blanket that looks so inviting since football helps support 28 sports at Penn State. Although the league altered its 50-50 gate split format, the Lions should do well. They'll still get six home games. The structure now has a minimum payout of \$150,000 and a maximum of \$650,000 for visiting teams. Presently, they're paying about \$150,000 to \$200,000 to a visiting team.

If Penn State slips a notch when the legendary Paterno retires (likely in the late '90s when he reaches age 70), the conference guarantee will help cushion any decline. Meanwhile, it's too early to

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tell what effect the move will have on recruiting, but there's debate over what kind of recruiting year the Lions just had. One analyst described Penn State as having only the fifth best recruiting class in the Big Ten. Phil Grosz, publisher of *G&W Scouting Report*, had the Lions a little higher at third.

Will that be good enough to keep the Nittany Lions in the upper echelon? "I haven't seen any evidence yet that Penn State's move to the Big Ten will adversely affect their recruiting," Grosz says. "They're still going to have six home games, so it's not going to be any different really from what they're doing right now."

State's recruiting will likely remain as it has for the past 25 years. As long as Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Rutgers don't have any long term consistent success, the Lions should remain the Beast of the East. If, however, the Orangemen and others start enjoying year-in and year-out success, then Penn State may have diffi-

culty trying to lure the Northeast's top prospects to play in the Big Ten instead of the Big East.

As an independent, Penn State could choose where it wanted to go at bowl time. Over the years it has competed in every major bowl except the Rose Bowl.

Although the granddaddy of the bowls has the largest payday, the Big Ten's revenue sharing bowl plan will



Michigan has been the dominant team lately, but that will change in a couple of years.

likely cut into the Lions' take. Grosz' *Blue-White Illustrated* reported Penn State took home approximately \$2 million from its 1991 season Fiesta Bowl appearance against Tennessee. Had it been in the Big Ten and had to take a 1/3 share (the league office gets a cut) of the Rose Bowl money, the school would've received \$1.27 million almost \$700,000 less than the Fiesta.

"We know we won't be as far ahead from a financial standpoint had we stayed an independent, and I think that proves we didn't get into this strictly for money," Tarman says. "I think the travel will be a wash. We've played on the West Coast, we've played in Florida, so playing in the Midwest won't be any different. We don't know what the future will hold, and we might make out better farther down the road. The whole environment could change again."

Only time will tell if it's a good move.

"Even though some of our fans have reservations about the fact that we won't be playing some traditional opponents in the East, the Ohio State Penn State, Michigan-Penn State, and Michigan State-Penn State games will become big games," Paterno said. With Notre Dame gone, Pitt gone, and no more West Virginia and Syracuse, they'd better be. *

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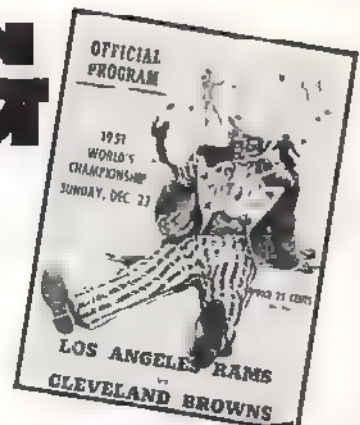
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The NFL Has Taken Its Share Of Early Risers, But Several Stars Still Shine Brightly In College Football

By P.K. Daniel



Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac is a proven leader who packs a rifle-like arm. He has played his best in big games and ranks among the elite in Big Ten history. PHOTO: PAUL JASIENSKI

In early February an inordinate number (34 to be exact) of underclassmen were granted eligibility for the 1992 NFL draft held April 26-27. In other words, they abandoned their collegiate teammates so they could start enjoying the guaranteed contracts and incentive clauses their new employers will bestow upon them. But with the NCAA's salaries, can you blame them? Over a third of these players would've made Petersen's Preseason All America team, so we were left with the unenviable task of playing fortune teller and selecting from the depths of the depth charts. However, don't fret. There are plenty of emerging stars ready to step into the cleats of the All-Americans before them. Here's a brief biography of our picks.

QB—Shane Matthews, 6-3, 192 pounds, Florida

Under the tutelage and watchful eye of former Heisman Trophy winner Steve Spurrier, Matthews has developed into one the nation's best all-around quarterbacks. He finished fifth in the Heisman balloting last season behind graduated quarterbacks Casey Weldon and Ty Detmer. His classic drop-back style solidifies him as Petersen's 1992 Preseason All-America pick over his Sugar Bowl nemesis Rick Mirer. Although Mirer won the game, Matthew's 370 yards passing demonstrates his cool demeanor under adverse circumstances.

Matthews has been chosen SEC Player of the Year two years running, and should he make it three in 1992, he'll join Herschel Walker as the only other player in league history



Pass-happy Shane Matthews runs the Florida Gators offense with poise and precision. PHOTO: JIM OLNE/ALLSPORT



Colorado's Deon Figures is a hard hitter who makes the Buffs a difficult team to beat. Figures is our first-team selection at defensive back. PHOTO: JIM OLNE/ALLSPORT



UCLA's Kevin Williams is a talented runner who possesses size and quickness. PHOTO: NON VEGELY

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with that distinction. Matthews has developed into a leader on the field, capable of reading defenses quickly but having the composure to stand in the pocket until a receiver becomes free, resulting in a passing efficiency rating of 148.8 in 1991, averaging 284.6 yards passing a game. His prolific numbers will cement him in the stratosphere of SEC elite, one day joining the ranks of mentor Spurrier.

RB—Russell White, 6-0, 210 pounds, California

He posted first-team AP All-America honors last year when he became the first Cal player to have back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons. No wonder Cal fans breathed a sigh of relief when it was learned White chose educational reasons over economic ones in skipping this year's draft: "I want to have something on my back [besides] my jersey number. I want to have my degree."

White wants to prove his early critics wrong regarding his controversial admission to Cal. He's determined not to leave without his degree and the opportunity to beat Pac-10 rivals USC and UCLA one more time. He'd also like a round-trip ticket to New York to pick up Cal's first Heisman Trophy.

Two key players in Cal's offensive line were lost—starting center Steven Gordon and left tackle Troy Auzenne—as well as Head Coach Bruce Snyder. White doesn't think his running will be affected: "People come, and people go. Having Coach Gilby [Keith Gilbertson] come down from Washington [as offensive coordinator]...the man has a good

track record. We can't do anything but get better."

RB—Marshall Faulk, 5-10, 180 pounds, San Diego State

Even though he's only a sophomore, Faulk gets our nod for All-America over Washington's Beno Bryant and Miami's Stephen McGuire. Last season Faulk became the first freshman to win the national crown in either scoring or rushing, averaging 158.8 yards on the ground and 15.6 points per game, becoming the country's only double-category winner. He averaged 7.1 yards per rush. Faulk, sometimes compared to Detroit Lion Barry Sanders, reached 1,000 yards after only seven games, joining former Florida running back Emmitt Smith as the only other freshman in Division I history to accomplish this.

OL—Lincoln Kennedy, 6-7, 325 pounds, Washington

Huge things are expected from this husky offensive tackle this year. With former teammate Steve Emtman and Stanford's big boy Bob Whitfield having entered the draft early, Kennedy's chances for the Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy have increased by presidential dimensions. Last year Kennedy won the Morris Trophy as the Pac-10's top offensive lineman.

OL—Craig Novitsky, 6-6, 280 pounds, UCLA

Although entering only his junior season, Novitsky is already considered one of the top offensive tackles in the nation. He and fellow Bruin Vaughn Parker may form the top tackle/guard tandem in the country.



Marvin Jones, a linebacker who possesses speed and agility, anchors our first-team defense.

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Linebacker Steve Tovar of Ohio State has put the clamps on Big Ten foes for three years.

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Cal's Russell White has the moves and the heart to make the Bears a national contender.

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OL—Everett Lindsay, 6-5, 290 pounds, Mississippi

By his successful play in the physical Southeastern Conference Lindsay has earned praise from coaches and sports-writers alike. What's impressive about Lindsay is he played only one year of high school ball and was a walk on who earned a scholarship after being red-shirted in 1988.

OL—Carlson Leomiti, 6-3, 340 pounds, San Diego State

Hidden behind the massive yet agile sophomore, Marshall Faulk will undoubtedly run to daylight. Although last season Leomiti was hampered by ankle injuries, he has excellent quickness and coordination for a big man. He earned the startling strong guard spot by the seventh game in 1990 as a redshirt freshman. He limited former Outland Trophy winner Russell Maryland of Miami to three unassisted tackles and no sacks in the 1990 season finale.

C—Mike Devlin, 6-3, 280 pounds, Iowa

Sound familiar? He's the third cousin of former Iowa All-American and 13-year NFL veteran Joe Devlin. Devlin was an instrumental part of a line that helped Iowa gain a school-record 2,699 yards rushing, an average of 224.9 per game last season. The Hawkeyes led

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the Big Ten in total offense and scoring offense and ranked third in rushing offense. The line allowed only 15 sacks during the regular season, giving then-senior quarterback Matt Rodgers ample time to release the ball.

WR—Sean LaChapelle, 6-4, 207 pounds, UCLA

In the tradition of Southern California free spirits the Bruin's "LA," Sean LaChapelle, is returning to a team without its general, Tommy Gun Maddox. That's like catching a fish without a hook and bait. LaChapelle returns after a spectacular year and second-team All-America honors from a variety of publications. However, with the early departure of Maddox, it may be argued he'll have no one to throw to him. In 1991 LaChapelle set a host of UCLA's single season receiving records and is on course to break Mike Sherrard's 128 career receptions at 93. This season will be indicative of how well he can locate the hole in the seam and how sure his hands are. LaChapelle doesn't seem concerned about the quarterback vacancy, though, insisting

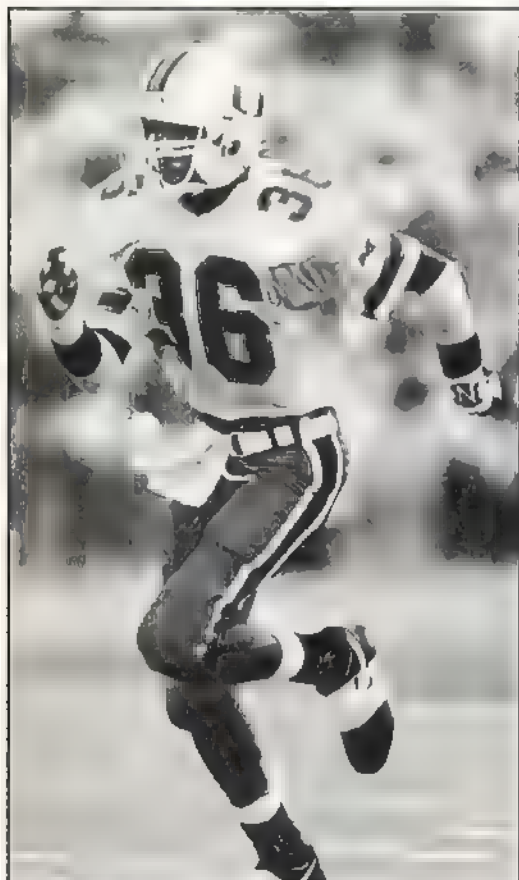
it's the offensive line that counts

WR—Lamar Thomas, 6-3, 170 pounds, Miami

Thomas, after contemplating an early exit into the NFL, will grace our presence and our TV sets while portraying one-fourth of the self-proclaimed "ruthless posse." Horace Copeland, Darryl Spencer and Kevin Williams will co-star. Thomas, a senior, is Miami's leading receiver and hotdog, always searching out a camera and trying to make the 11 o'clock highlights. He's also Miami's only receiver to score three TDs in one game, which came against Texas Tech in 1990.

IE—Irv Smith, 6-5, 233 pounds, Notre Dame

Splitting his last two springs between football and baseball, could Irv join the ranks of Bo and Deion as another All-Star two-sport athlete? Probably not. He hit only .178 with five home runs in 27 games as an outfielder. But as a tight end he's durable, not having missed a football game in any of his first three seasons. Many will remember the spectacular catch and run when Smith, en route to a 25-yard touchdown, danced through three would-be Hoosier tacklers near the end zone. Look for Lou Holtz and Rick Mirer to incorporate this blocker/receiver in their varied offense this season.



Miami wide receiver Lamar Thomas puts a lot of pressure on rival defensive backs assigned to cover him.

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DL—Jeff Zgonina, 6-2, 284 pounds, Purdue

Physically, he's Purdue's strongest player, able to bench-press 450 pounds and perform an 805-pound squat. Although he may saunter like he's carrying a load of luggage, he has a vertical jump of 35 inches and runs a 4.92 40. He's considered a prime All-Star candidate for the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award as the nation's top lineman. He was named to first team All-Big Ten by *Football News* in 1991 and second team all-league by the media and coaches for the second straight year. He has 11 all-time double-figure tackle games, including a career-high 17 against Indiana in 1990.

DL—Chris Hobbs, 6-1, 225 pounds, Memphis State

In making 14 tackles against last year's surprise contender East Carolina, Hobbs established himself as a concern to any offensive line coach and a force to be reckoned with. Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill called Hobbs "the most dominating nose guard we have faced this season [1991]." He was credited with 107 tackles last season, including 13 against Southern Cal.

DL—Rusty Medearis, 6-3, 245 pounds, Miami

Medearis, fresh off another national championship, has the explosiveness, quickness and smarts to continue to spark the defensive line. With 24 sacks

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in 20 games, Medearis won All-Big East honors and second team All-America recognition, nearing Daniel Stubbs' career sack record of 39½.

DL—Coleman Rudolph, 6-4, 261 pounds, Georgia Tech

In only his sophomore season Rudolph was a first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference performer last year at defensive tackle and received the second most votes among defensive players. He ranked second in the ACC in sacks with 13 and second in tackles for loss with 20 for 110 yards. He has 19 career sacks, including multiple sacks in five different games, with two each against Penn State, Boston College, Virginia, Duke and Wake Forest.

LB—Steve Tovar, 6-4, 240 pounds, Ohio State

Tovar's speed and power enabled him to lead the Buckeyes in tackles each of the past two years, including a team-high 67 solos in 1991 in the run-oriented Big Ten. He compares favorably to previous Ohio State stars Detroit All-Pro Chris Spielman and former Denver great Randy Gradishar. He's capable of playing inside and outside, a rare combination not to go

unnoticed by his opponents. He was nominated for the Butkus and Lombardi Awards last year and was named to a first-team berth on the Kodak All-America team.

LB—Demetrius DuBose, 6-2, 234 pounds, Notre Dame

DuBose will join Rick Mirer as team captain for the Fightin' Irish. DuBose had a standout year in 1991, making more tackles than any Irish player in six years. He landed a first team All-America selection and was a semifinalist in Butkus Award voting. Notre Dame's Spring Prospectus curiously described DuBose as emotional, vocal and excitable. Good thing he plays football. Maybe Ritalin would help. South Bend faithful are no doubt happy to see this returning senior terrorizing opponents on the field.

LB—Michael Barrow, 6-2, 230 pounds, Miami

Senior Barrow anchors what many believe is the best linebacking corps in the nation. Along with senior Darrin Smith, he'll help Miami continue its reputation as one of the quickest and most dominating defenses in the country. With the combination of strength, experience and big-play capability, Barrow is a coach's dream and opposing players' nightmare.

LB—Marvin Jones, Florida State, 6-2, 220 pounds, Florida State

In only his second season Jones



Kansas' Dan Eichloff is a two-way performer who's adept at punting and field goal kicking.

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Reggie Barnes, of Oklahoma, is our second-team All-America pick at linebacker. He's tenacious, mean and aggressive.

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eclipsed the accomplishments of his teammate Kirk Carruthers by being the first sophomore ever to be named finalist for the Lombardi Award. An established leader on defense, Jones distinguishes himself in the big game. He had a season-high 15 tackles against Miami and 14 against Michigan, in helping hand the Wolverines one of their worst defeats in Ann Arbor history.

CB—Carlton Gray, 6-1½, 183 pounds, UCLA

Senior cornerback Gray is both a terror on the field and in the classroom. Gray received the Dial Award, given to the nation's top high school scholar/athlete and has continued to excel academically. He carries a 3.42 GPA in Communication Studies and was selected second team GTE/CoSIDA Academic All America in 1991. He has started at cornerback since his freshman year and is considered a top candidate for the Jim Thorpe Award, presented to the nation's top defensive back. He ranked second nationally in interceptions behind Florida State's Terrell Buckley, who'll soon be plying his trade in the NFL.

CB—Deon Figures, 6-1, 195 pounds, Colorado

Playing in the Big Eight, Deon figures to introduce himself to more than his share of opposing linemen. Traditional power houses Oklahoma and Nebraska run the option with an

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unrivaled frequency compared to any other conference. Figures, at 6-1, 195, capably supports the run in this option-oriented offense while being an effective downfield cover man.

S—Will White, 6-1, 199 pounds, Florida

Will is a hard-hitter who starred in the Gators secondary for three years. Although his interception numbers have decreased in the past couple of years, his effectiveness at keeping rivals out of the Florida end zone hasn't suffered. Range and the ability to diagnose a play before it has a chance to develop properly is essential to the survival of any good safety, and White excels in both areas. If more credentials are needed to confirm White's stature as an All-American, just talk to Alabama. He had three picks in a game against the Tide in 1990, tying an SEC record. Florida will rely on him even more in 1992 because of the loss of some key members of the defensive line. That's fine with White, he knows how to step up and handle pressure.

P/K—Dan Eichloff, 6-1, 215 pounds, Kansas

Last season the two-position Eichloff

led the conference in field goals and punting and his team in scoring. He ranked third in the nation in field goals and 12th in punting. He connected on 18 of 24 field goal attempts with a long of 52 yards. Eichloff averaged 42.3 yards punting with a long of 64.

SECOND TEAM

QB—Rick Mirer, Notre Dame; Elvis Grbac, Michigan (Honorable Mention)

RB—Beno Bryant, Washington; Terry Kirby, UVA; Kevin Williams, UCLA

WR—Qadry Ismail, Syracuse; Andre Hastings, Georgia

OT—Alan Kline, Ohio State; Rich McKenzie, Penn State

OG—Aaron Taylor, Notre Dame; Vaughn Parker, UCLA

C—Tobie Sheils, Alabama

TE—Kyle Brady, Penn State

K—Doug Brien, Cal

DL—Leonard Renfro, Colorado; Chris Slade, UVA; Reggie Barnes, Oklahoma

LB—Tommy Thigpen, North Carolina; Travis Hill, Nebraska; Jason Atkinson, Texas A&M; Chad Brown, Colorado

DB—Kevin Miniefield, Arizona State; Jimmy Young, Purdue

S—Eric Castle, Oregon; Robert O'Neal, Clemson

P—David Lawrence, Vanderbilt *



A scary sight for Southwest Conference foes is A&M's Jason Atkinson. He's a second-team All-America, but a first-rate linebacker.

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When the whistle blows, Virginia defensive end Chris Slade sheds his cavalier demeanor and becomes a fierce attacker who specializes in sacking the quarterback.

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The SEC's Big Gamble

Expansion To 12 Teams Will Bring Bigger Bucks, But Not Everyone Is Laughing All The Way To The Bank

Is bigger better? The Southeastern Conference is banking on it...you might say, literally. In this modern age of expanding conferences the SEC grows to a 12-team format this season in a move some speculate will bring each of its member institutions close to a million dollars per year. If that were the lone determining factor, then the expansion—from the old 10-team format—is a success. Nonetheless, as we all know, money isn't everything—especially to the SEC's football coaches, most of whom are unhappy with the expanded league and its new divisional format.

The reasons:

- More conference games, which translates to tougher schedules.
- An extra championship game, sometimes against an opponent already faced during the regular season and at a site some coaches don't feel is neutral.

By Peter Kerasotis

Florida Today (Melbourne, FL)

1. With 12 teams vying for a title this season, look for more hard hits than ever.

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2. Scatback Freddie Bradley hopes to get the Arkansas Razorbacks off to a fast start in the team's inaugural season.

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3. Gene Stallings' Alabama Crimson Tide has been a dominant member of arguably the nation's toughest conference for years and will contend for the top spot this season.

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4. Historically, the SEC is a training ground for outstanding quarterbacks. Florida's Shane Matthews is the latest phenom.

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•The new format makes the SEC too provincial.

The new alignment breaks down this way: Instead of all its teams lumped into one conference, the SEC now consists of two divisions—East and West. In the East Division are Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Vanderbilt and South Carolina. In the West there's Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Louisiana State, Mississippi and Mississippi State. Arkansas and South Carolina are newcomers to the SEC. Arkansas left the Southwest Conference, and South Carolina abandoned what remains the biggest conference of them all—the Independents.

During the regular season the six teams in each division play each other, plus they play three games on a rotating basis against schools in the other division. Then a week after the regular season ends, the two division winners meet

The SEC's Big Gamble

in a championship game, with the winner claiming the SEC title and a trip to the Sugar Bowl.

So what's wrong with that?

"Well, for one thing, it's obvious the team that finishes with the best record won't be happy if it loses that championship game," says Florida coach Steve Spurrier, whose Gators won the SEC in 1991.

Tennessee coach Johnny Majors agrees: "None of us are excited about it [the new format], but it's something we have to live with. I wish they hadn't messed with it. It was fine with me the way it was."

Another downside is two teams that previously met in the regular season might play again in the conference championship game. For instance, had the new alignment been in effect last season, Florida would've played Alabama in the championship game after beating the Crimson Tide 30-0 during the regular season.

"I don't think any coach really cares for that kind of situation," Majors says. "But it's bound to happen." If any team has an advantage in the championship game, it would be Alabama—at least for the next five years. That's how long the championship game is tied into the city of Birmingham, where the Crimson Tide plays several of its home games every season.

"If Alabama, and even Auburn, is in that championship game," Spurrier says, "then I don't think you can consider it [as being played on] a neutral site." Most coaches are hoping that by happenstance the championship game either rotates its site or is permanently placed in the new Atlanta Dome that's being built for the 1996 Olympics.

Finally, SEC coaches complain of one more drawback. The new format, which requires each school to play eight (instead of seven) regular-season conference games, creates too tough a schedule. Make no mistake, that's what most bothers the coaches. Rather than anyone benefiting from the expansion and the new alignment coaches feel it hurts everyone.

"You have eight regular-season games *plus* the championship game—that's two extra conference games," Majors says. "That certainly doesn't enhance your chances of winning a national championship. I don't think it's any secret that high quality personnel and a good schedule are the keys to winning a national championship, and this doesn't make for a good schedule.

We're going to be killing each other off."

On top of that it makes the SEC somewhat provincial—the Florida Gators being the worst-case scenario. If the current system of staging eight regular-season SEC games remains intact, then Florida will never—as in *ever*

play outside the South again during the regular season.

Why? Once again it's money, or more precisely, the lust thereof.

Because of financial obligations the Gators must play a minimum of six of their 11 regular-season games at home, which isn't uncommon for most big schools. By virtue of going to an eight-game SEC schedule, four of the five away games automatically are against conference opponents. That leaves one away game, which is locked into a



No matter how much the SEC expands, Steve Spurrier's Florida Gators will be the team to beat.

PHOTO BOB ROSATO

home-and-away series with rival Florida State. Florida had planned to occasionally add Miami to its schedule while once in a while mixing in a home-and-away series with a school similar to Michigan.

"I think that hurts the fans when we don't get out of the South," says Florida Athletic Director Jeremy Foley. "Last year, we played Syracuse, and it was a good road trip for the fans. They got to go over and see Cooperstown. A few years ago we played Rutgers, and the fans got a chance to visit New York City. We won't have those kinds of trips anymore."

So why did the SEC go to an eight-game schedule? You guessed it—money. "I don't think there's any question the athletic directors wanted to stay with seven regular-season conference games," LSU athletic director Joe Dean says. "It was the [college] presidents who voted to go with eight. Their reasoning is that because of fan support and revenue, they'd rather see us play another league game instead of one against Podunk U."

It's easy to see, then, why the coaches are upset. "Heck, most coaches would like to play only five conference games and then six against Ohio Valley," says Tennessee Athletic Director Doug Dickey, himself a former head coach at Tennessee and Florida. "But I think with the new format we've created a very strong market."

Yes, they have.

"I think it's the natural progression of things," says Dean. "I don't look at the conference as being that much bigger. People forget that years ago we were 13 teams." That was in the '30s. Then Sewanee (now known as The University of the South) dropped out in 1940, Georgia Tech in 1964 and Tulane in 1966. "The expansion, the attrition—that's the natural evolution of things," Dean observes.

Right now, though, expansion is the order of the day, and other conferences are watching closely to see what happens with the SEC. Meanwhile, the SEC is quite happy with what it has done. "It was time for us to maximize our potential," says Mark Womack, the league's Executive Associate Commissioner. "This has created some wonderful matchups, some opportunities for new rivalries and some great possibilities for TV."

At the same time some old rivalries will suffer. Because of the new divisional format some schools that played each other every season will now do so sporadically—the Auburn-Georgia rivalry immediately comes to mind. "We tried to preserve as many rivalries as we could," Womack says. "Obviously,



Leaving things the old way would've suited Tennessee's Head Coach Johnny Majors just fine.

you're not going to be able to have everything you want."

As for playing eight conference games, Womack notes that most other conferences already do that. As far as hurting itself on a national scale, Womack believes the conference winner is tied into the Sugar Bowl, and the No. 2 team is now locked into the Citrus Bowl. Both play on Jan. 1.

"This was just an obvious thing to do," Womack says, defending the SEC's expansion. "I don't think we're a super-conference, and I don't think this is any kind of major trend. We added a couple of schools, and now everything is sort of settling down. I don't see anything else [similar] happening on the horizon."

Joe Dean agrees—if the horizon is only the next five years. "But by the end of the decade, if things go well, I can see us adding a couple more schools," Dean says. The likely candidates are Texas and Texas A&M, two schools whose overall programs fit in well with the SEC. Both schools, of course, are presently in the Southwest Conference, where they annually generate the brunt of that league's revenue.

"They bring in most of the money, but they don't get a larger piece of the pie," says Foley, the Florida athletic

director. "That's not a knock against the TCUs and the Rices, but at some point schools like Texas and Texas A&M have to evaluate whether it's still beneficial to be in a conference with those types of schools."

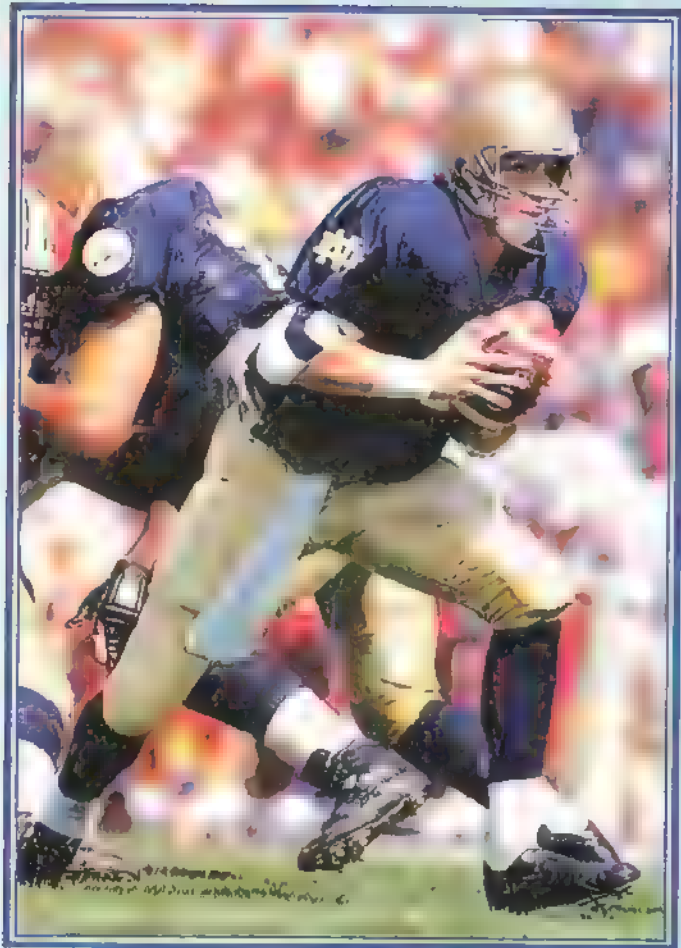
The SEC could also suffer some attrition of its own. The school most people point to as a possible candidate is Vanderbilt. "Some schools may need to evaluate their goals and see what they can afford to do and what they can't," Foley says.

In the meantime the SEC is thriving, and the rest of the country is watching how it turns out.

So is bigger better? We'll have to wait and see. *

Final 1991 SEC Standings

School	Conference Record	Pct.	Overall
Florida	7-0	1.000	10-1
Alabama	6-1	.857	10-1
Tennessee	5-2	.714	9-2
Georgia	4-3	.571	8-3
Miss St.	4-3	.571	7-4
LSU	3-4	.429	5-6
Vanderbilt	3-4	.429	5-6
Auburn	2-5	.286	5-6
Ole Miss	1-6	.143	5-6
Kentucky	0-7	.000	3-8



Our Picks For

Notre Dame's Mirer And Bettis Head a Talented Field

By Michael Bradley

In college football outposts throughout the country fans have this image of John Heisler and his staff of sports information assistants at Notre Dame. They believe that every spring Heisler and company throw a giant switch in their South Bend office, and the vaunted, feared Irish Publicity Machine cranks up for another year of action.

They think that for the next eight months, Heisler and the ND spin doctors will over-publicize Irish players at the expense of rivals.

They have evidence.

In 1987 Notre Dame wide receiver Tim Brown won the Heisman on the basis of a two-touchdown performance against Michigan State in the season's second week—and not much more. Two years later, Heisler and company pushed Tony Rice to a second place Heisman finish, despite average statistics. And in 1990 they did all they could to promote Rocket Ismail, falling short to a superior effort by the Brigham Young sports information department, which distributed thousands of promotional "Ty Ties" in support of quarterback Ty Detmer.

Next witness

As these paranoid fans look forward to a new season, they envision Heisler et al. packaging quarterback Rick Mirer and fullback Jerome Bettis in an attempt to bring an eighth Heisman under the Golden

(above left) Rick Mirer has enough physical attributes and probable blessing from a higher authority to win the 1992 Heisman.

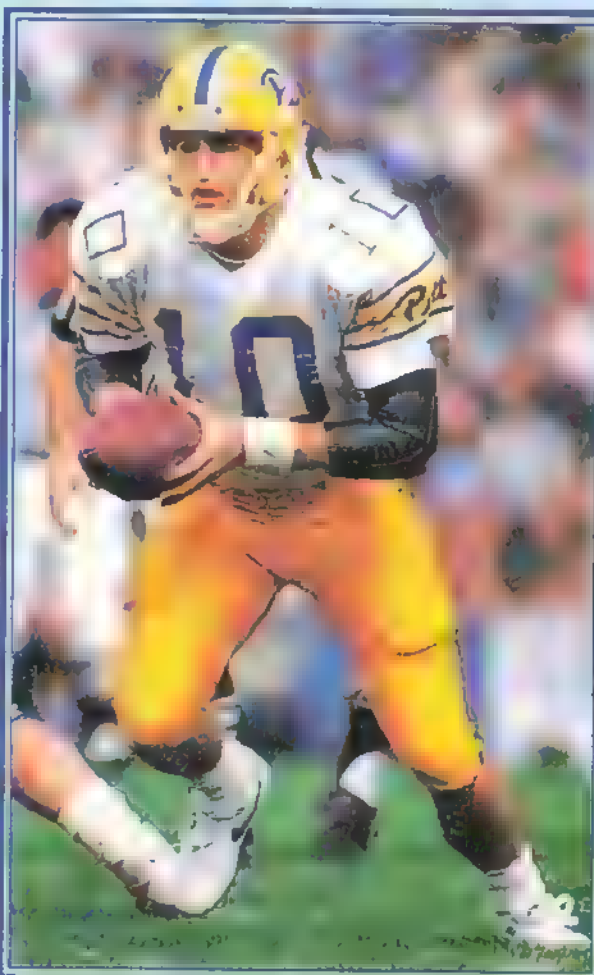
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(far left) Michigan signal-caller Elvis Grbac is seeking to duplicate former teammate Desmond Howard's feat of a year ago.

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(left) Pittsburgh's much-heralded Alex Van Pelt blossomed slower than expected, but it would be a mistake to cut him out of the Heisman picture.

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The Heisman

Dome. As the season rolls on, the Notre Dame Machine will gorge media outlets with Irish propaganda. By early December, Mirer or Bettis will be standing in the Downtown Athletic Club in New York holding that stiff-armed bronze ball carrier.

They just know it.

Since college football thrives on myth and legend, stories about things like the Notre Dame Publicity Machine are perpetuated. They're also generally false.

"No one here is comfortable with all that hype, starting with the head coach," Heisler says, referring to Lou Holtz. "It's something no one wants. I think the Heisman is going to be an everyday question for us. And we tend to downplay things like that."

Notre Dame won't be producing posters that read "Mirer-power" or "It doesn't get better than Bettis" for national distribution. And Heisler won't even coax either of the players to change the pronunciation of his name, as Irish SID Roger Valdiserri did with Joe Theismann back in 1970—in a blatant attempt to influence voters.

He doesn't have to. The biggest weapon in the Notre Dame publicity arsenal is the media itself. Mirer will be on the cover of about 10 pre-season preview magazines, and Bettis will make nearly every preseason All-America team. Once the season starts, both will receive prominent mention in print.

TV will do its part as well. NBC is set to broadcast another six ND home games, spicing the action with the ubiquitous fight song and obligatory features about Knute Rockne and other Irish Heisman heroes of yore. ABC and ESPN will probably pick up another three or four games, leaving only the Navy and Northwestern games out of the



(above right) Rice road-runner Trevor Cobb doesn't have a huge publicity machine touting him, so he'll have to let his feet do the talking.

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(far right) Hard-running Jerome Bettis gives the Fighting Irish a double shot at bringing home the famous statue this season.

PHOTO: BRIAN MASCO/ALL-SPORT

(right) Florida flame-thrower Shane Matthews has the advantage of playing for a former Heisman winner and in an offense that relies heavily on the pass.

PHOTO: BOB ROSATO



The Heisman

broadcast loop.

Notre Dame will assume its annual position near the top of the ratings and go something like 11-1, ensuring more attention. All Heisler has to do is send out a weekly press release with statistics and miscellaneous items of interest.

The real reason the two seniors will be considered for the Heisman is their talent. Mirer probably would've been a first-round draft choice in April, but he decided to return to South Bend for one more year and a shot at a national championship.

And anyone who saw Bettis bust Florida Gator heads in the second half of the Sugar Bowl can attest he's a Christian-Okoye-in-training. Mark him down for about 1,200 yards and 15 TDs this year. Still, fullbacks don't win too many Heismans—Earl Campbell of Texas was the last, back in 1977.

Quarterbacks do.

And Rick Mirer will. He'll throw for about 2,500 yards, run for another 300 or so and make a half-dozen, highly visible, crucial plays throughout the season. He'll be a top-five draft pick and make millions.

So why not award the thing right now?

Well, there's Shane Matthews. And Russell White. And Marshall Faulk, Gino Torretta and Alex Van Pelt. There's Trevor Cobb. And Tico Duckett. And...

They're the other favorites in the Heisman field. Sure, they don't have the tradition (and TV coverage) of the Notre Dame duo, but they have other attributes—and intangibles. The following is a discussion of their chances, along with odds on their probabilities of success.

Mirer Heisman odds: 3-1

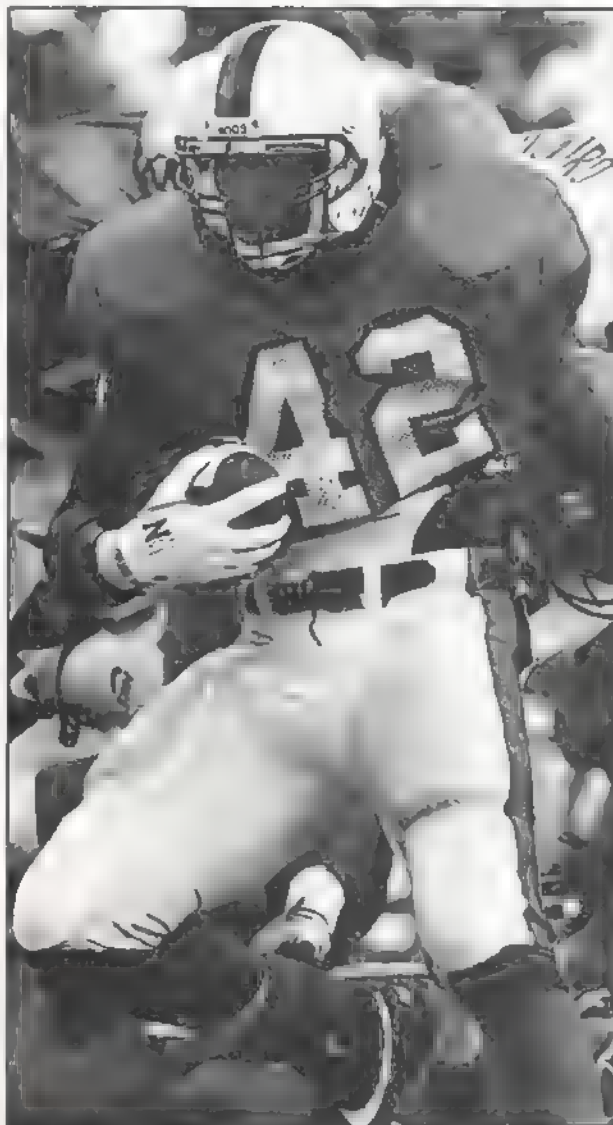
Bettis Heisman odds: 8-1

THE SYSTEM

Critics of Matthews, the Florida passing whiz, grumble that anybody could throw for 3,000 yards in Coach Steve Spurrier's wide-open "system." They point to the aerial circuses in Durham when the former Gator Heisman winner coached there. Or the big numbers posted by washed-up John Reaves back in the USFL days.

So Spurrier knows how to recruit and

develop quarterbacks. And he can design some plays that get receivers open. What's wrong with that? You still need someone to get the ball there, and boy, can Matthews do that. The senior already holds the Southeastern Conference record for most career 300-yard games: 10. And the list of his



Terry Kirby of Virginia is one of the nation's top tailbacks, but playing in the ACC makes him a longshot to win a Heisman.

PHOTO: DAVID GREENE

Florida marks grows about every week. There's no doubt he's a serious Heisman contender.

If Matthews can keep the yardage up (3,130 in '91), complete 60 percent of his passes again (60.4 in '91, 60.6 in '90) and keep the interceptions down (18 in '91), Spurrier—the 1966 winner—may be coaching him on how to sound gracious at the Downtown

Athletic Club this December.

"He certainly has a chance to be the best quarterback in the nation," Spurrier says. "He needs to improve a little on last year, throwing, setting up, doing little things. He has a good chance to be a Heisman winner."

Georgia coach Ray Goff is a little more direct. "I wish Matthews would have gone to the NFL this year," Goff says. "He's an outstanding player and has done a lot for Florida."

Heisman odds: 4-1.

FAMILY TIES

When Russell White decided to move up the California coast to Berkeley to play his college football, folks down Los Angeles way were stunned. Why didn't the outstanding tailback choose USC, where his uncle Charles led the Trojans to a national championship back in 1978 and won a Heisman in the process?

It seems White doesn't mind making tough choices. He angered a lot of folks when he went to Cal, and he surprised some more when he stayed there for his senior season instead of vaulting to the top of a weak running back crop headed for the NFL. His decision has left him among the favorites for the Heisman.

"Russell has made the decisions that have been best for him," says Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder, who left Cal for the desert after last season. "From the time we first met, Russell has made decisions that others may not have thought to be right."

Few can question his judgment on the football field. In his two years at Cal, White has rushed for 2,298 yards and 26 TDs. His 4.38 speed has made him dangerous on kickoff returns (career 25.2 average) and in the open field. And just so the folks at home didn't forget about him, White torched USC for 229 yards and three TDs in the Bears' 52-30 rout last season.

He's not just a speed back," Snyder says. "He has a pretty massive lower body. He can make people miss him, and he can break tackles. He spins, cuts back and on occasion can rip right through a tackler."

Heisman odds, 7-1.

YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE

Anybody who can miss three full games and still lead the nation in rush-

ing and scoring deserves some big-time Heisman attention. But San Diego State sophomore Marshall Faulk will have trouble swaying the voters—even though he may repeat as rushing and scoring champ in '92.

Faulk's age will hurt him. Voters tend to overlook sophomores, figuring they'll have another year or two to select them. And they really frown on Western Athletic Conference candidates. It took a monster, 5,000 yards-plus season for Ty Detmer to get the trophy, and the media in the East and Midwest still don't respect the wacky WAC defenses. You can't really blame them.

Ask Miami's defense if it respects Faulk, who ripped through the Hurricanes for 154 yards last year. He may be young. He may play in a flag football-style league. But Faulk combines speed and power to blast through opposing defenses—no matter how good. If Faulk stays healthy all year, he may put up numbers Heisman voters can't ignore.

Heisman odds: 8-1.

BOMBS AWAY

Only two quarterbacks threw more passes in 1991 than Miami senior Gino Torretta—BYU's Detmer and Troy Kopp of Pacific—and if the Hurricanes hadn't blown out so many teams, Torretta may have topped those two.

Torretta threw for 3,095 yards in his first season as a starter at Miami—more than any of his storied predecessors did in their first campaigns. With a cadre of outstanding fliers returning on the outside and the go-ahead to chuck it long whenever he wants to, Torretta should duplicate those big numbers. If he can improve his completion percentage (55.3 in '91), Torretta will be an attractive candidate. It should help that the Canes will win about 11 games, too.

"Gino Torretta is a proven winner," Miami coach Dennis Erickson says. "He runs the offense better than anybody I've ever been around."

Heisman odds: 10-1

THE PROMISE

As a freshman, Pitt's Alex Van Pelt established himself as a candidate of the future, sort of a Bill Bradley in Heisman voters' eyes. Since then, the 6-2, 200-pounder has regressed, and he enters this season with a pile of

potential but a shaky record.

"We now have a group of receivers Alex is familiar with, some running backs he worked with last year and a stabilized offensive line," says Pitt coach Paul Hackett. "With his maturity and experience Alex is in good position to have his best year. We expect nothing less."



Miami's Kevin Williams is a budding star on a team full of established stars.

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To improve, Van Pelt must cut down on his interceptions. Though he threw for 2,746 yards last season, he hit enemy targets 14 times, against only 15 touchdowns. If he improves those numbers, Van Pelt will swing the large eastern block of voters and help Pitt get to a bowl game.

Heisman odds: 15-1.

THE FIELD

During the '70s and early '80s, the Heisman belonged to running backs. The recent passing revival has shifted the focus under center—and even to receivers—but there are always a couple of backs who get near that magic 2,000-yard mark each year. Should the aforementioned candidates stumble, there are several backs who may post big enough numbers to influence voters.

They include Tico Duckett of Michigan State, Trevor Cobb of Rice, Michigan's Ricky Powers, Virginia's Terry Kirby, Derek Brown of Nebraska, Erriett Rhett of Florida and Robert Smith of Ohio State.

Heisman odds (pick one, get 'em all): 20-1

LONGSHOTS

Pacific's Troy Kopp threw for 3,767 yards and 37 TDs last year, but the Big West Conference doesn't have the greatest reputation around the country. Still, Kopp and running back Ryan Benjamin (1,581 yards, 13 TDs) will post some hard to ignore numbers.

Miami wide receiver Kevin Williams has more nicknames—K-Dub, The Flash, The Jet, Sleepy—than any other Division I-A player. He also has more speed than most of them. He scored three times on punt returns last year and has the all-purpose talent to be this year's Desmond Howard.

Don't overlook junior quarterback Ryan Hancock, the latest heir to the BYU passing legacy. He'll throw for about a billion yards this year and is good for at least one 500-yard effort against some poor WAC foe.

Lastly, Michigan QB Elvis Grbac has talent, but his chances are slim at best.

Heisman odds (again, pick one, get 'em all): 35-1

REMEMBER THIS

NAME

Rutgers junior Bryan Fortay transferred back to his New Jersey home from Miami last season after losing the starting quarterback job to Torretta. He has the arm, the size and the confidence to jump-start the Scarlet Knights' dormant offense.

He also has the mouth to promote his Heisman candidacy. You'll be hearing about him—and from him—throughout the year.

Heisman odds: 50-1. *

COACH'S CORNER

By Don James
With P.K. Daniel

Last season's co-national championship team was the finest ever in my 17 years as a head coach. You'd almost have to say it was the best in University of Washington football history.

It would've been hard to leave either Miami or Washington out of the No. 1 spot in the final polls considering the fine job each team did. Both howls [Orange and Rose] were very close. I'm happy we were able to get [the top spot] in one of the national polls.

Although the idea's rising in popularity, I'm not in favor of a playoff system to determine the national champion. I never have been. Our players are overworked as it is. At their age the 11 game schedule is strenuous. I believe the existing bowl-game setup for Division I-A provides a nice reward for them.

Seldom do you get two undefeated teams as we had last season. The dilemma you face is what happens to No. 3? That team has as strong an argument [for claiming to be No. 1] as No. 2. If you institute a playoff, you'd have to play a 14-game schedule. I don't think we need it, and I don't think it's fair to the players.

1992 will be a rebuilding year for Washington. We lost seven players to the draft—more than any school in the country. And we have two more who'll sign free-agent contracts. That's a lot of talent and experience off the team. Because of [NCAA-mandated] scholarship reductions, we recruited only 15 players. I hope they're good quality. Ironically, one national poll ranked us No. 20 in recruiting.

Steve Emtman's departure is a huge loss. I don't feel badly that he entered the draft early because he has contributed so much to our program. It's hard to ask a player who you know could get a \$9-10 million contract to stay in school and play for a \$6,000 or \$7,000 scholarship. He had a great impact on our defense.

There are four sides to the proposition of granting special eligibility to underclassmen—the legal side, the athlete's side, the pros' side and the college coach's side. You have to look at it from all angles. I'd feel better if players stayed in school at least four years, but it's hard to defend legally. I don't think the NFL teams want kids that badly. Teams can wait. It's what's right for the athlete. That's where we are.

We also lost our offensive coordinator, Keith Gilbertson, to Cal. He's an excellent coach. However, we've replaced him very well. We hired Steve Morton from Iowa State and Al Devan, who was with the San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys. Both are good, solid, experienced coaches. It'll be exciting to play against Keith. You like to see your close friends—especially those who've coached with you and contributed so much to your program—get ahead. We'll cheer for him all season, except the day they play us.

The Pac-10 will probably showcase the best race we've seen in a long time. Six or seven teams will have a legiti-



mate chance at winning the title. We'll drop back a bit because of the loss of some outstanding players, but UCLA and USC have a lot of good returning players.

We have excellent depth at quarterback in Billy Joe Hobert and Mark Brunell, both of whom have been MVPs in the Rose Bowl. Brunell is back from an injury and seems close to 100 percent. There will be competition for the starting role, but we'll use both players in every game. We'll lean more towards playing the one who's having a hot hand. What impressed me the most about Hobert last year—and I've dealt all my life with players who've started in their first or second game—is he played as well or better than any quarterback I've ever had. I think he'll have a good year in '92.

Lincoln Kennedy has to be one of the top offensive linemen in the country. He has size—335 pounds. However, I think a lot of the national awards tend to go to players who are

on a winning team. So how successful our team is throughout the course of the season probably will determine if he's in the race for the Outland or Lombardi trophies.

Beno Bryant is an exciting player. When we needed something positive done in a pressure situation last season, he did it. Beno was our go-to guy. He had big runs against USC and Cal. We've got Jay Berry behind him and Napoleon Kaufman, a youngster. They'll all see a lot of action.

We also have a handful of new starters on offense, and several defensive linemen were lost to graduation in addition to six players who were drafted. With all of the new personnel, maybe we'll be good by late in the season, but I'm sure we're not going to start out that way. The key for us is the same as it is for Arizona State. We open with a league game. I feel whoever wins that game will be in the race at midseason. The team that loses will be in a heck of a fight.

I hope we'll be productive for a couple of more years before the critics resurface. It was nice to be voted the most-liked coach last year. You feel better about the honors you get from peers as opposed to a football writers' poll voting you the most overrated coach in the conference [prior to the 1990 season]. But that's typical. You make a name for yourself, then have a couple of down years, but you're still highly rated because of your prior success. All of a sudden you start losing, and then you become overrated. Actually, the result of that poll was good for me. It helped motivate me. I cut the article out of the newspaper and put it in my desk.

Looking back, the 1990 season's 25-22 loss to UCLA at Washington probably cost us the national championship that season. It was bittersweet in that we had won the conference championship. We knew we were going to the Rose Bowl. We also knew if we won the last two games we'd probably be national champions. That defeat took us out of the race, but I think it helped motivate us for last season.

My goal was always to be a part of college coaching, to be able to work at a great university. On the subject of retiring, I've rewritten a four-year contract. I've never planned on coaching in the NFL—won't do it.

Our No. 1 goal for the upcoming season hasn't changed much over the years. You take the athletes you have and try to get the most out of them. We've got a lot of young guys going into key positions. How will they perform? You never know. That's the most exciting part of being a college football coach. *

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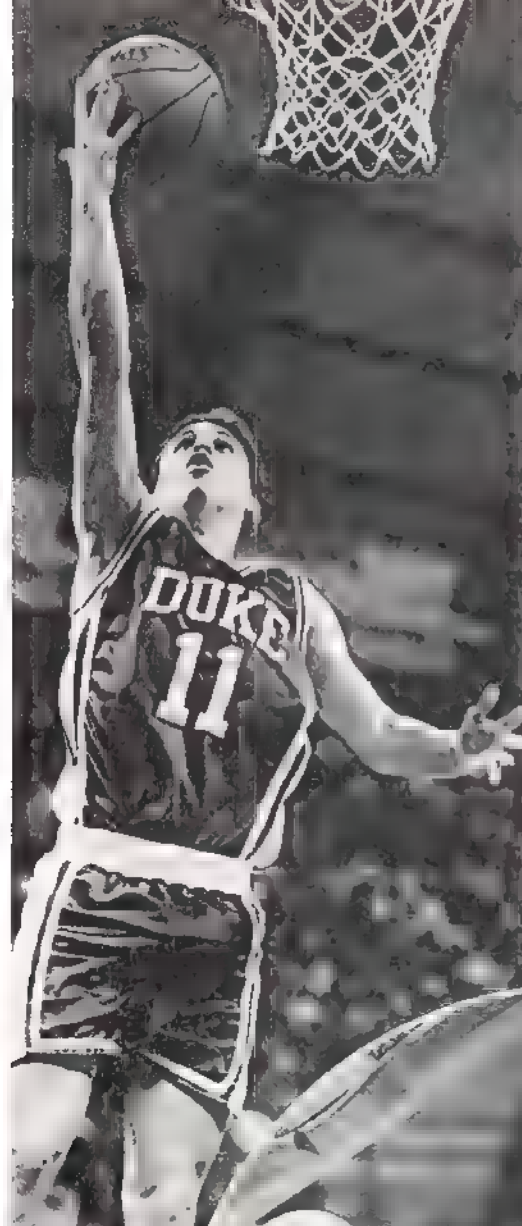


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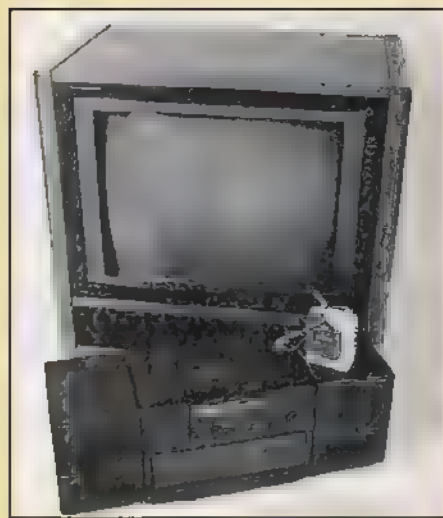
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4. Do you plan to refer to this sports annual throughout the season?

24-1 ☐ Yes -2 ☐ No

5. How many people other than yourself have read your copy of this sports annual?

25 x ☐ None 2 ☐ Two 4 ☐ Four
-1 ☐ One -3 ☐ Three -5 ☐ Five or more

6a. Which of the following types of vehicles are currently owned by your household?

26-1 ☐ Passenger car (Continue with 6b and 6c)
-2 ☐ Pickup truck, van or sport/utility vehicle
-3 ☐ Motorcycle
-4 ☐ Other vehicle
5 ☐ Do not own a vehicle

6b. What was the approximate purchase price of your most recently acquired passenger car?

27-1 ☐ Under \$10,000 -3 ☐ \$15,000-\$19,999
-2 ☐ \$10,000-\$14,999 -4 ☐ \$20,000 or more

6c. Was your most recently purchased car acquired new or used?

28-1 ☐ New -2 ☐ Used

6d. Do you or another household member plan to buy a new car in the next 12 months?

29-1 ☐ Yes -2 ☐ No -3 ☐ Don't know

7. Please indicate which of the following items you or another household member currently own.

30-1 ☐ VCR -4 ☐ Binoculars
-2 ☐ Camcorder -5 ☐ Personal computer (PC)
-3 ☐ Camera -x ☐ None of the above

8. Please check those items listed below that you purchased in the past 12 months.

31-1 ☐ Sports apparel -3 ☐ Sports equipment
-2 ☐ Sports shoes -4 ☐ Fitness equipment
-x ☐ None of the above

9. Which of the credit cards listed below do you currently own?

32-1 ☐ Visa -6 ☐ Gas. co. credit card
2 ☐ MasterCard 7 ☐ Tel. co. credit card
-3 ☐ Diners Club -8 ☐ Dept. store credit card
-4 ☐ American Express -9 ☐ Other
-5 ☐ Discover -x ☐ Do not own a credit card

10a. Did you drink any beer in the past six months?

33-1 ☐ Yes -2 ☐ No

10b. If "Yes," how many glasses of beer did you drink in the past seven days?

34-1 ☐ Less than 2 -2 ☐ 2-7 -3 ☐ 8 or more

11. For each type of liquor listed below, please indicate which you drank in the past six months. Then, for each type you drank, please write in the approximate number of glasses or drinks you consumed in the past 30 days.

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Ein	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-1	____ (36-37)
Rum	<input type="checkbox"/> -2	____ (38-39)
Scotch	<input type="checkbox"/> -3	____ (40-41)
Vodka	<input type="checkbox"/> -4	____ (42-43)
Whiskey	<input type="checkbox"/> -5	____ (44-45)
None of these	<input type="checkbox"/> -x	

12a. Did you smoke any cigarettes in the past 30 days?

46-1 ☐ Yes -2 ☐ No

12b. If "Yes," how many packs did you smoke in the past seven days?

47-1 ☐ Fewer than 6 -2 ☐ 6-8 -3 ☐ 9 or more

13a. Have you used any aftershave or cologne in the past six months?

48-1 ☐ Yes -2 ☐ No

13b. If "Yes," how many times did you use aftershave or cologne in the past seven days?

49-1 ☐ Less than 5 -2 ☐ 5-7 -3 ☐ 8 or more

14a. Have you used any grooming products (e.g. hair care products, deodorants, etc.) in the past 30 days?

50-1 ☐ Yes -2 ☐ No

14b. If "Yes," how many times did you use grooming products in the past seven days?

51-1 ☐ Less than 5 -2 ☐ 5-7 -3 ☐ 8 or more

15. Which of the following activities did you participate in during the past 12 months? For each activity you participated in, please indicate how often you took part in it.

	Participated In	Frequency of Participation					Less Than Once/Mo.
		2+ Times A Week (1)	2-3 Times A Week (2)	Once A Mo. (3)	Once A Mo. (4)	Less Than Once/Mo. (5)	
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Baseball/softball	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(54)
Biking	<input type="checkbox"/>	-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(55)
Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(56)
Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(57)
Running	<input type="checkbox"/>	-6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(58)
Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(59)
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(60)
None of these ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	-x					

16a. Do you work out regularly (that is, at least once a week) at a gym or athletic facility?

61-1 ☐ Yes -2 ☐ No

16b. If "Yes," how many times did you work out in the past week?

62-1 ☐ Less than 2 -3 ☐ 4-5
2 ☐ 2-3 4 ☐ 6 or more

ABOUT YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD
(May we remind you that all responses are completely confidential and will be used only in combination with those of others to form a composite profile.)

A. Are you: 63-1 ☐ Male -2 ☐ Female

B. What is your marital status?

64-1 ☐ Married -3 ☐ Divorced/separated
-2 ☐ Single (never married) -4 ☐ Widowed

C. What is your age?

65-1 ☐ Under 18 -4 ☐ 30-34 -7 ☐ 45-49
-2 ☐ 18-24 -5 ☐ 25-29 -8 ☐ 50-54
-3 ☐ 25-29 -6 ☐ 40-44 -9 ☐ 55 or over

D. Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

66-1 ☐ One -3 ☐ Three -5 ☐ Five or more
2 ☐ Two 4 ☐ Four

E. Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed.

67-1 ☐ Same high school or less
2 ☐ Graduated high school
-3 ☐ Attended/attending college 1-3 years
-4 ☐ Graduated from four-year college
-5 ☐ Postgraduate study without degree
-6 ☐ Postgraduate degree

F. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

68-1 ☐ Employed full-time -3 ☐ Student
-2 ☐ Employed part-time -4 ☐ Homemaker
-5 ☐ Retired
-6 ☐ Temporarily unemployed

G. If you are employed full- or part-time, please indicate your occupation. (Please check one.)

69-1 ☐ Craftsman/technician
-2 ☐ Clerical/retail sales
-3 ☐ Professional sales
-4 ☐ Managerial/professional/technical
-5 ☐ Owner/proprietor
-6 ☐ Military
-7 ☐ Government
-8 ☐ Operator/manager
-9 ☐ Other

H. What was the total income of your household in 1991 before taxes? (Please be sure to include income from all household members, and from all sources such as salaries, bonuses, interest, dividends, profits, etc.)

70-1 ☐ Under \$18,000 -6 ☐ \$30,000-\$39,999
-2 ☐ \$10,000-\$14,999 -7 ☐ \$40,000-\$49,999
3 ☐ \$15,000-\$19,999 -8 ☐ \$50,000-\$59,999
-4 ☐ \$20,000-\$24,999 -9 ☐ \$60,000-\$74,999
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Miami's Recipe for Success

Despite A Changing Cast Of Coaches And Quarterbacks, The Canes Have Become College Football's Premier

Program

By George Castle

Is this *really* the headquarters of a national champion, the home base of what may be college sports' most enduring dynasty of the latter 20th Century?

Lucked between the Metrorail rapid transit line and the ranch homes of tiny Coral Gables, Florida, the University of Miami campus exhibits the veneer of a smallish college, perhaps even one that competes in the NCAA's Division II. Bigness isn't the byword here. A Michigan, Ohio State, Penn State or Illinois could swallow three Miamis and have room for more.

Jocks, coaches and broadcasters wander in and out of the cozy athletic offices just off Dixie Highway (U.S. 1), the main drag from Miami to the Florida Keys. There's not a 105,000-

seat stadium or golden dome in sight. Just south of the athletic buildings, bunched together, are a track, football field and a baseball diamond. At the latter location U.S. Olympic baseball coach Ron Fraser, finishing up his 30-year career as Miami baseball coach, is busy sprinkling his famed "holy water" to pitchers with balky shoulders and bemused reporters.

Who'd figure that of all the institutions in America, private Miami, with all of 8,000 undergrads, would stand astride the college football world, possessing god-like power in both the win column and the final polls? Or that any

opponent venturing onto the Hurricanes' home turf at the nearby Orange Bowl would need a dunking in Fraser's blessed elixir just to possess a prayer of winning?

Certainly no one hanging around Dixie Highway and Red Road in the early '80s could've dreamed little ol' Miami, playing off in the left field of college football, would soon surpass every traditional football power. Yet that's exactly what came to pass as the Hurricanes stormed to four No. 1 rankings over the last 10 years, including last January's dead heat with the University of Washington. The feat is all the more remarkable considering it was accomplished by three different head coaches: Howard



(above) Stephen McGuire's bruising running style complemented a graceful yet potent Miami passing attack. Payoff? The Hurricanes' third National Championship since 1983.

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(left) In 1979 Howard Schnellenberger took control of a ragged Miami program and built it into a national power, culminating in the school's first national title in 1983.

PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

(upper right) Current mentor Dennis Erickson keeps the Canes on top with hard work in practice and high intensity during games. He has a record of 33-3 in three seasons at Miami.

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Schnellenberger, Jimmy Johnson and Dennis Erickson.

"When I went there, I didn't see why Miami couldn't be the USC of the South," says present day Louisville coach Schnellenberger, who guided Miami to its first national title in 1983.

"I thought Miami could continue to compete at the highest level," adds Schnellenberger. "But if anyone could dream that a school could win four championships in a 10-year period, well, that's a fantastic thing to happen."

"It's crazy the way we've won around here, going 77-7 the last seven years. We've either been No. 1, 2 or 3 for the longest string in the history of college football. No one has ever done what we've done," says Art Kehoe, once a guard for Schnellenberger, now the assistant offensive line coach who ranks No. 1 in seniority on the Miami staff.

The bottom line of Miami football (which hasn't finished on the short end of a score since Oct. 20, 1990 against Notre Dame) is any near-future coveter of No. 1 will have to plow through the inhabitants of the modest campus on the borderline of the tropics. The Hurricanes have blown past their competitors, moving up further and faster than any college program in memory. And there's no turning back.

Some are blunt about the mountain-top on which Miami stands.

"Notre Dame will always be Notre Dame," says defensive end Rusty Medearis, a second-team All-American. "But we're the Hurricanes, and you can't compare us with anybody else. You're going to have to go through us to win the national championship. It's a dynasty. It's phenomenal."

Drowning in sweat and breathing hard—but enjoying every last second of drudgery in 90-plus degree heat and humidity of a Miami August—the average Hurricane player is comforted by one thought after practice.

"We work out, we run, we break things down, and the last thing we say before we leave the field is '12-0,'" says leading Hurricanes receiver Lamar Thomas.

Others, by virtue of their position, are more diplomatic. But read between the lines, and the confidence swirls through the mind and heart.

"There's no way you're going to finish No. 1 every year," soft-pedals current head coach Erickson. "That's reality. We just want to keep it at a high level—compete for the conference [Big East] title and a top bowl game."

That modest goal would seem to be

the least the Hurricanes can expect if Miami simply stays true to the formula by which it has fashioned its dynasty:

- Keep signing the best players from a talent rich central and south Florida (which Schnellenberger once tabbed "the state of Miami") and at the same time cherry-picking some of the absolute best high school and junior college athletes from across the nation.

- Continue the unbroken legacy of top quarterbacks that began with Jim Kelly, continued with Bernie Kosar, Vinny Testaverde, Steve Walsh and Craig Erickson and now rolls along behind Gino Torretta, with several promising passers waiting in the wings.

- Keep the stifling defense that has been the most underpublicized part of the Hurricanes' success.

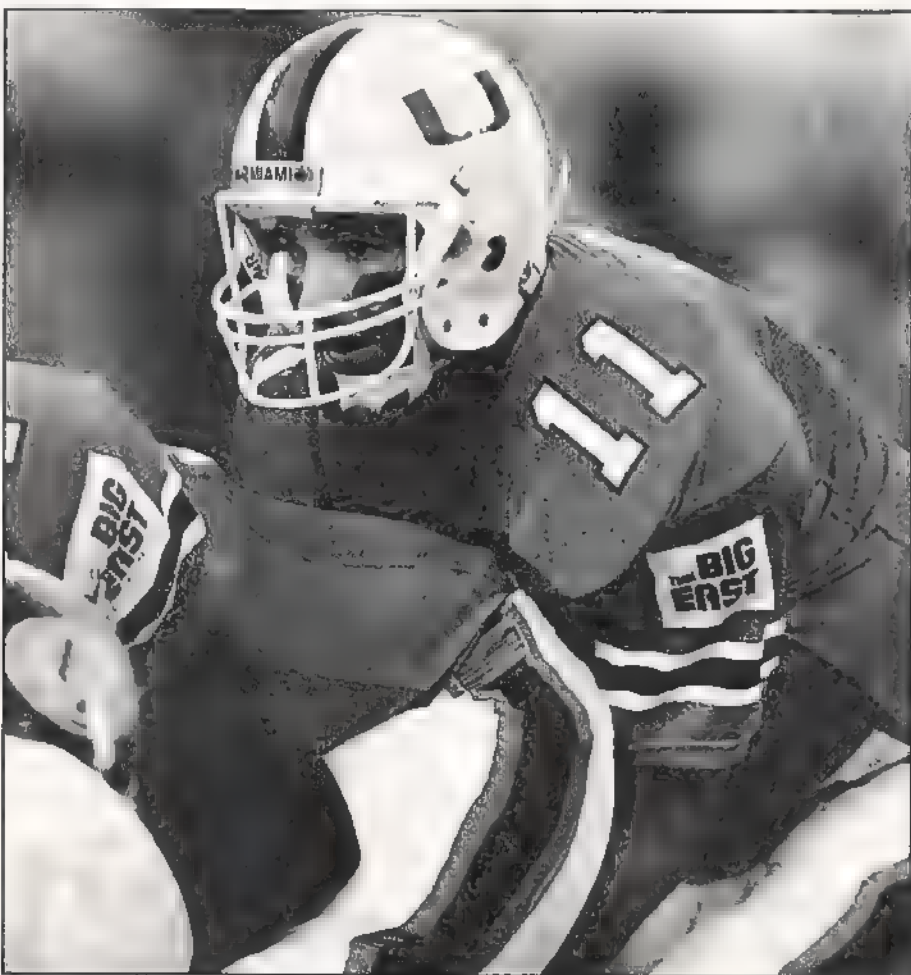
- And continue using the sultry climate as an advantage in both luring recruits and tiring out visiting teams from the North.

Yet it takes more than built-in advantages to craft a program as stunningly successful as Miami's. The Hurricanes always had the proximity to top high

school talent that honed their skills in comprehensive spring football schedules to go along with the usual fall games. The climate hasn't changed one degree from decades back. But the will to win and the resources to accomplish that goal are relatively new additions to athletic life at the University of Miami, where during the '70s there was talk of demoting the money-draining football program to Division I-AA or dropping it altogether.

Hurricane football which began in 1926, was always a nice little program, distinguished as the only major team sports attraction in tourist-haven Miami prior to the NFL's Dolphins in 1966. Never a national power, the school usually won more than it lost and made occasional bowl appearances under famed coach Andy Gustafson in the '50s and early '60s. But the program declined as the '70s dawned and bowl appearances faded into memory.

"We'd play in the Orange Bowl against Alabama and have 8,000 [spectators] out there," says Miami native Sonny Hirsch, radio play-by-play voice of the Hurricanes much of the time since 1958. "There was some talk about dropping the program. The Board of Trustees was close to the



Miami's future? Sophomore quarterback Frank Costa.

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edge as far as saying to drop it."

"There wasn't any money to go around," recalls Fraser, who guided his baseball program through that financially wobbly era in which basketball and track and field were dropped at Miami. "Football was just getting by every year. The university was very small. We had no alumni to speak of."

But a fortuitous administration decision to shift some scarce resources into football and hire longtime vagabond Lou Saban as head coach in 1977 ranks as the conception of the dynasty. Saban knew where to find players. Miami previously put too much emphasis on recruiting in the Northeast and Midwest portions of the country, where Gustafson and predecessor Jack Harding had traditional contacts. But the Hurricanes couldn't adequately compete in the traditional recruiting grounds of huge Northern schools.

Saban's 1978 club went 6-5. That same year he snared a promising quarterback prospect from Pennsylvania named Jim Kelly.

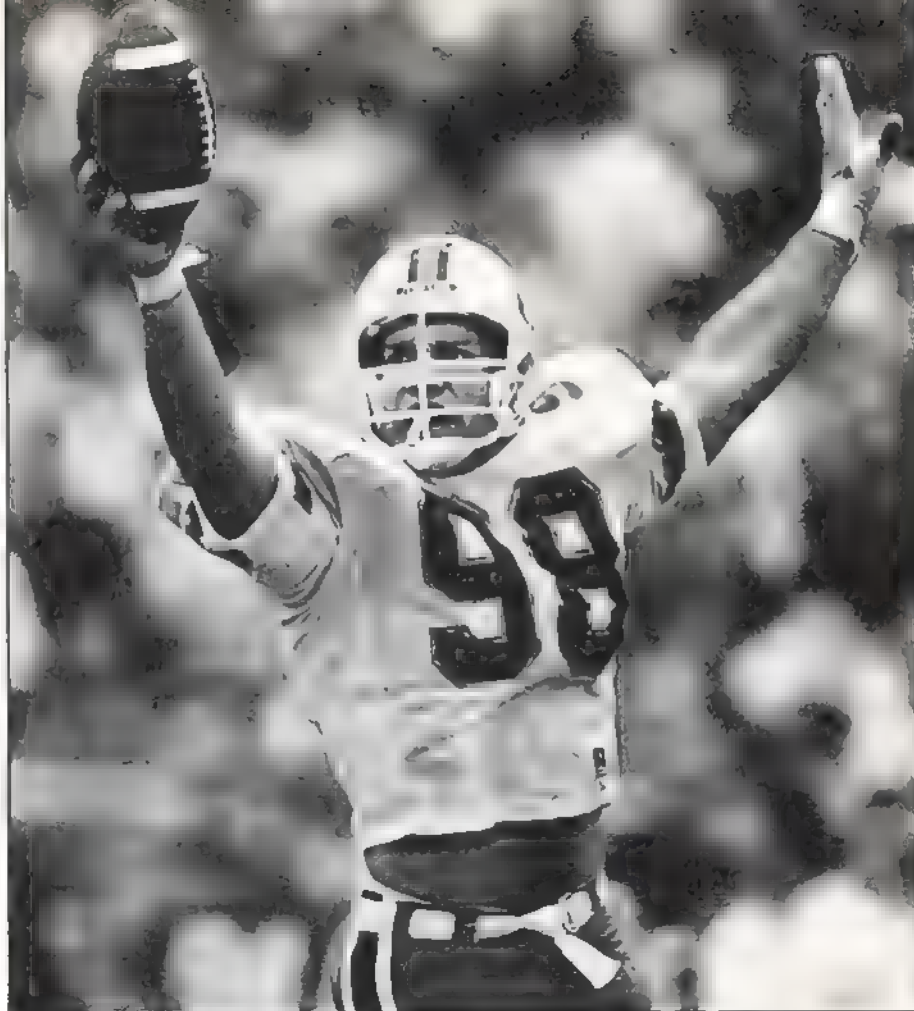
"Thank God we had Jim Kelly on the squad," Schnellenberger says of his first Hurricane team in 1979. Miami slipped back under .500, but made headlines when it upset Penn State, 26-10, Nov. 3, 1979 at State College. "To me that's the most important victory ever at the University of Miami," says Schnellenberger. "It gave us a platform from which our players could reach higher."

That they did in 1980, going 9-3, including a Peach Bowl victory. The Hurricanes continued to win over the next three seasons, while Schnellenberger sought to lock up much of Florida's best talent for his school.

"We started with five south Florida counties," says Schnellenberger. "We then continued to annex counties from there and drew the line from Orlando on south. We saturated recruiting in this area, and we determined that carpetbaggers [from the North] could not go down there and take the best kids."

The Hurricanes couldn't set up roadblocks, though. The mega-schools continued their forays into Florida. "There are probably more kids of playing age in that one area than anywhere else," says Bob Chmiel, Michigan's recruiting coordinator who was able to snare four signees from the area this year.

"There's a talent glut in the state of Florida," says Kehoe, whose own recruiting assignment is the state's west coast, south of Tampa-St. Petersburg. "We're looking at 20 million people living here by the year 2000, clustered in an environment where you play spring football, which helps players develop



Defensive end Rusty Medearis is a perfect example of the Canes' ability to recruit the best talent nationwide. Medearis hails from Missouri.

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

faster and makes them tougher."

The Hurricanes haven't deviated from Schnellenberger's original recruiting plan.

"We don't have to [recruit nationally]," claims Erickson. "You've got to look in your own back yard first. We don't have the manpower to recruit in a lot of other areas."

Yet to other schools the Hurricanes are a constant threat to aggressively go after top-rated recruits elsewhere in the U.S. The intoxicating lure of a championship program combined with Miami's tropical setting could be very strong to a blue-chip schoolboy. Established Northern schools are digging in to protect their own home territories.

Another advantage Miami exploits is its tradition for schooling professional players. Schnellenberger raised the level of competition on the Hurricanes roster by installing the pro offense of the Dolphins, for whom he once served as offensive coordinator. He corralled longtime NFL quarterback Earl Morrall to teach the likes of Kelly and Kosar. But the emphasis on passing was a necessity.

"I knew we wouldn't have the personnel of other teams," says Schnellenberger. "I had to come up

with something that would offset that. The forward pass, thank God, does that."

"We started a three-, five- and seven-step drop-back with Kelly, and Schnellenberger brought in the practice of timing routes and taught how to attack certain routes," says Kehoe, who blocked for Kelly. "We took the opposite tack from most teams: 'Let's throw the ball to run the ball.' We weren't capable of running the ball at first."

The strategy paid dividends and made headlines, especially in 1983 when the Hurricanes were 10-1 going into their Orange Bowl date with superpower Nebraska.

Developing quarterbacks soon was honed to a science in Coral Gables. The tradition that included Vinny Testaverde's Heisman Award in 1986 helped attract a steady stream of strong arms.

"At Miami you really learned defenses and their weaknesses. You knew what part of the pattern you could work," says Steve Walsh, a star Hurricanes quarterback in 1987-'88 who now plays for the New Orleans Saints. "They were also able to bring in great receivers and running backs. When a school gets a good quarterback

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recruit, top-notch receivers will follow."

The string of quarterbacks got most of the publicity, but another Schnellenberger innovation, defense, was equally important in the rise of Miami football. His 1983 defense

allowed just 106 points through 11 games

"That defense was first in the nation in points allowed," he recalls. "Defense won the [first] championship."

However, most fans didn't give

Miami credit until after the Orange Bowl of Jan. 2, 1984. In one of the most exciting bowl games ever, Miami shocked everyone by jumping out to a 17-0 lead over the vaunted Cornhuskers. Nebraska staged a desperate comeback, closing to 31-30 with 48 seconds left. Following their final touchdown, Husker quarterback Turner Gill threw a two-point conver-

Little Canes Stand Tall In The Recruiting Game

The backbone of recruiting at the University of Miami always will be close to home in south and central Florida. But the Hurricanes still have been able to pluck some interesting specimens of talent from under the noses of more traditional football powers much farther away. Battling pressure to stay close to home and the inevitable trash talk about the Hurricanes from local colleges, these major contributors to the Miami program found their early perceptions of the school didn't match the reality when they journeyed to Coral Gables.

Perhaps the one who faced the most intense pressure *not* to attend Miami was ace wide receiver Lamar Thomas, who hailed from Buchholz High School in Gainesville—the northern Florida city where the University of Florida is headquartered.

"Living there I became almost like a Miami Hurricane hater," recalls Thomas. "I used to go to Gator games. You'd hear all this bad stuff about Miami and their team."

Thomas supposedly was locked up by his hometown Gators. "They knew they had me," he says. "I'm right there, and they really needed receivers [in 1988]. It got so bad, I was in the stands watching a game, a guy would drop a pass, and everyone would turn around and look at me. Can you imagine going to [high] school every day and somebody saying, 'Go Gators... You got to go to Florida'? There was pressure all over."

But an internal voice suggested he give Miami a look-over. "I watched a couple of their games; I came down [to the Orange Bowl] when they played Florida," says Thomas. "I enjoyed their style of football. It looked like they were having fun."

The Hurricanes' honesty hooked Thomas. "When I came down here and walked around campus, I was surprised," he recalls. "Some of the dorms were terrible, there were bugs. But they didn't try to hide anything. A lot of schools try to hide things, to make sure this room or that is cleaned up."

"I went to Syracuse, Illinois, Florida and Georgia Tech. I looked at classes, and they'd be so big. Here, they took

me to one of the larger classes—only 50 or 70. It was almost like a big high school. I didn't want to be another number; I was afraid of that."

Defensive end Rusty Medearis, out of Ozark, Missouri, didn't want to be another standardized Big Eight or Southeast Conference product, attending such logical destinations as nearby Missouri, Oklahoma or Arkansas.

"I've always been independent, growing up through high school," says Medearis. "I've always been different. I wanted to get away and see other parts of the world."

"NCAA violations were happening all around me. Oklahoma was in the thick of it. Oklahoma State was going on probation. It [recruiting] got to be such a hassle. They try to call you from everywhere, you have to run away from the phone."

Medearis was all set to run away—as far away as possible—the University of Washington. In fact, he gave a verbal commitment to Head Coach Don James. But repeated contacts with the Hurricanes and recruiting coordinator Dave Scott caused him to make a total U-turn and head southeast.

"Dave said, 'We don't recruit here at Miami. We let the way we play and the art of success recruit itself,'" recalls Medearis. "There was so much propaganda about our school from other schools," he adds. "Arkansas would say stuff about this place. They felt I had a chance to come here, and unless they got Miami out of the picture, then they weren't going to get me."

Like Thomas, Medearis found Miami's reality unlike the stereotypes. "The perceptions I had about the place was that it was so violent and dirty," he says. "But I love this city. There's a lot more good about this place than bad. The athletes you deal with are phenomenal. When you step on the field, you've accomplished 20 percent of your goal because you're mingling with these superior athletes."

Former Hurricanes quarterback Steve Walsh, now with the New Orleans Saints, says the decision to travel from his St. Paul, Minnesota,

hometown to Coral Gables was "easy."

"Miami was one of the few top programs that recruited me," he says. "I wanted to go where they threw the football."

Ditto with present-day quarterback Gino Torretta, who trekked 3,000 miles cross-country from his home in Pinole, California. Older brother Geoff's status as Vinny Testaverde's backup in the mid '80s didn't hurt, either.

He chose Miami over Washington and Washington State, despite the usual jibes tossed at the Hurricanes. "You always saw the bad highlights," Torretta says. "People thought, 'Why are you going to Miami? You don't want to be one of those guys.'"

Sophomore quarterback Frank Costa, a Philadelphia product, visited Notre Dame, Penn State and Illinois along with Miami. The Nittany Lions were neck-and-neck with the Hurricanes for his services until he learned Joe Paterno imported two other young quarterbacks, while he was the only signal-caller in his class signed by Miami coach Dennis Erickson. The glories of earlier Miami teams had made an impression. And folks kept saying he resembled former Hurricane Heisman Trophy winner Testaverde.

"I always liked Miami and their style of offense in throwing the ball and their tradition of quarterbacks," says Costa, who may get first call in succeeding Torretta. "I remember that [1984] Orange Bowl game. That was the last time Miami was the under-dog."

Now the Hurricanes are fielding their second brother tandem of quarterbacks. Walsh's younger brother Chris is a 1992 Miami freshman. There's no secret why he's now a Hurricane.

"The biggest influence I had on him was winning the 1987 national championship," says Steve Walsh. "He went down there and saw me play. I never had to push him. He knew how much I enjoyed it there. I think he's capable of outdoing me. Hard work is never something he's shied away from."

sion pass intended for receiver Jeff Smith. As a huge national audience looked on, Hurricane safety Ken Calhoun batted the pass away.

"I said after that game that Miami football would never return to its unspectacular level," recalls Schnellenberger.

Jimmy Johnson, Schnellenberger's successor, capitalized on the newfound Hurricane reputation.

"He put emphasis on defense and special teams," Kehoe says of Johnson, who hired him as a full-time assistant. "The defense previously was sound, but all of a sudden, we [began] blocking punts, faking punts, faking field goals and attacking the passer."

Johnson's slick, quasi-imperial style was radically different from Schnellenberger's. Johnson set himself above the crowd. "Coach Johnson had that aura about him," says Thomas, one of his recruits. "When guys walked down the hall and saw him, well, you didn't want to deal with Coach Johnson."

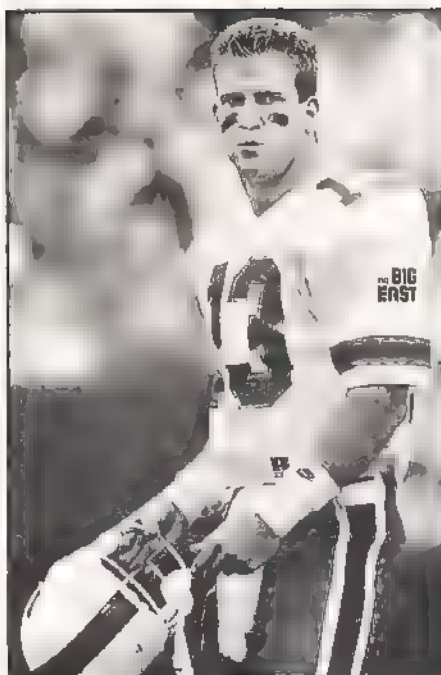
Johnson didn't swear off an image of cockiness and arrogance that was growing up around the Hurricanes during this period. He drew national enmity against Miami when his team rolled over Notre Dame 58-7 in 1985, seemingly pouring salt in the wounds of lame-duck Irish head coach Gerry Faust in the overmatched coach's last game. Thereafter, the Hurricanes' penchant for on-field taunting and celebrating drew increasing disapproval from rival teams, coaches and fans. A Miami vs. the world attitude was developing, and far from tempering the Hurricanes' approach, they reveled in their new "bad" image.

Negative images hardly hurt the university, recruiting or Johnson, whose 12-0 team in 1987 won Miami's second national title. Concurrent with the football team's success was the growth of the university itself. The school added 400 new faculty positions in the last half of the '80s. The increased cash flow from school growth and football winners enabled then-athletic director Sam Jankovich to further boost the marketing of the program.

"Before, we were understaffed and underfinanced," recalls Kehoe. "Jankovich came in and changed that. He hired a clinical sports psychologist before anyone else did. They put a [administrative] team together."

Dr. Anna Price was hired as assistant athletic director for academics and student services to help ensure a high graduation rate. All 17 seniors from the 1990 Hurricanes graduated.

By that time the football program dared not slip. Losers don't draw



Gino Torretta has been described as being too slow and too mechanical, yet all he has done is win big every year.

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

crowds in South Florida.

Former Washington State coach Dennis Erickson kept the momentum—and gate receipts—high when he took over for Johnson, who left for the NFL's Dallas Cowboys after the 1988 season. It didn't take Erickson long to establish that his standards would be no lower than Schnellenberger's or Johnson's. In his first season Erickson's 1989 Hurricanes finished 11-1 and captured the national title.

More than anything, Erickson has meant stability and a kinder, gentler era. Continuing a trend established under Schnellenberger and Johnson, he retained coaching holdovers from the previous regime, such as Kehoe and linebackers coach Tommy Tuberville. He continued the traditions of quarterback-fueled offenses and stingy defenses.

"There's a lot of teaching being done on the football field, but not a great deal of screaming and yelling," says Erickson.

But make no mistake about it—Erickson is the leader, if in a less flamboyant and presidential manner than Johnson.

"Coach Erickson is a father-type figure to the guys," says Thomas. "We can go into his office and sit down and joke with him and talk with him. He's more approachable [than Johnson]."

Erickson also knows the art of passing. A quarterback himself at Montana State, he personally tutors Gino Torretta and the other quarterbacks.

"I was an overachiever, but I know the position," he says. "I think the fact I

was raised around the game [as the son of a high school coach] had a tremendous influence on me. I was watching game film when I was eight years old."

Erickson's first-hand understanding of quarterbacking bolsters Torretta. "It's a situation where he knows what's going through your mind," says the fifth-year starter. "He just wants us to keep all our options open and realize that things can change on each play."

Despite a background steeped in offensive philosophy, Erickson has been able to sustain the Miami defensive tradition. His light-but-quick 1991 defense led the nation, allowing 9.1 points per game. In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, Miami ripped through a tough schedule undefeated to grab a share of the national championship.

So what's next for the University of Miami Hurricanes? Is there a level of achievement beyond what they've already reached? That's almost inconceivable. It will be difficult enough for Miami to match its present rate of championships. Are there another four national titles awaiting the Hurricanes in the next 10 years? Maybe so. But probably not.

However, even if they can't repeat their glittering success, the Hurricanes have firmly established Miami football as a national power. And once again in 1992 Miami starts the season as the team to beat.

"Everyone wants to see the University of Miami play, and everyone wants a piece of us," says Medearis. *

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Scoring The Top 10 Classes

By Forrest Davis

It's hard to rate the recruiting success of a football conference objectively and even more difficult to rate recruiting on a regional basis. Rating the entire nation? Well, that's close to impossible, but attempting to do it is a lot of fun.

However, compiling a Top 10 recruiting list can be a reasonably productive exercise if one zeros in on pure talent and forgets other factors such as need and academics. Ratings would be more accurate if teams were grouped, i.e., a first three, then a second group of four and so on. National recruiting is such that any team rated in the Top 10 has had a great year. Essentially, you're comparing great to great. The difference between the No. 1 and No. 10 team is slight indeed.

One thing you should avoid when rating schools is allowing a player's national press coverage to affect your opinion about his ability. Sometimes, simply knowing a player is interested in attending one famed school or another will push his rating higher in the national media. A case in point: One athlete who was named Player of the Year by a national publication wasn't even the best player in his home town! Good, certainly. But not a Player of the Year by any stretch.

Before we reveal our Top 10, special note should be given to the extraordinary recruiting year the Southeastern Conference had. Now here's a nationwide look at the schools that had the most success in the intensely competitive quest for high school talent in '91-'92.

1. NOTRE DAME

We know. Notre Dame is always rated No. 1. Anti-Notre Dame forces will claim good players suddenly become All-Americans when they attend Notre Dame. Well, that'd be the only reason to argue against the Irish, because if this class is rated correctly, on an individual level, Notre Dame signed more All-Americans than any other school. For this reason we rank the Irish No. 1. Although it isn't a runaway win, the Irish class is one of the most consistent groups assembled, as well as a class that could win a Who's Who award.

Notre Dame claims excellent players from everywhere. Brandon, Mississippi, is the home of Will Lyell, a 6-5, 255-pound offensive lineman who possesses admirable skills. Will said all year he liked the Irish, but

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nobody believed him. Now they do.

Tackle Anthony Jones of Oak Lawn, Illinois, is one of those true All-Americans we're talking about. Jones could start as a freshman in most systems. Defensive back Bobby Taylor is a Longview, Texas, native who wouldn't shock anyone if he played a lot next year.

It's hard to find a major league recruit better than defensive back Brian Magee from Largo, Florida. Magee can play a number of positions well: a truly outstanding prospect.

Some previous Notre Dame classes may have been overrated, but this one seems to be the real thing.

Notre Dame recruit Bobby Taylor's a defensive back who has range and superior quckness. He'll help the Irish at either cornerback or safety.

2. FLORIDA STATE

Last year recruiting experts had no qualms about placing the Seminoles in the top five. Signing *USA Today* offense and defense Players of the Year had a lot to do with that confidence. However, there's little doubt the talented 1992 Florida State class is close to the last one. In fact, the top offensive player signed by Bobby Bowden, wide receiver Tamarick Vanover of Tallahassee, and the top defensive play-

er, linebacker Henri Crockett of Pompano Beach, Florida, are probably the equals of last season's best (Seminoles stars Marquette Smith and Derrick Brooks).

Speed, size, athletic ability and diversity are goals in any recruiting campaign, and Florida State's current crop meets those criteria.

There aren't any better defensive line prospects than Marcus Long of Daytona Beach, Florida. Long is big (6-4, 280), but it's his 4.8 speed that has scouts in awe. If Long and Crockett don't excite you, try the South's top quarterback, Danny Kanell. He's a 6-5 flame thrower who could be Bowden's best ever by the time he completes his collegiate career.

Unlike most classes that may have a questionable player or two, this group is strong from top to bottom. The Seminoles even signed Sean Liss, a talented punter from St. Petersburg, Florida. How's that for diversity?

3. LSU

The recruiting surprise of the year had to be the incredible finish of the Louisiana State Tigers. Football experts knew recently hired Curly Hallman could coach, but few expected a bountiful class like this one.

The Tigers controlled the state of Louisiana and did serious damage around the Southeast. Historically, Louisiana prepsters seem to be plagued by academic problems, but the LSU staff did an excellent job of identifying those players who combine athletic ability with educational skills.

David LaFleur is a 6-6, 265-pound tight end from Westlake, Louisiana, who's also the top American player at his position. LSU landed him early.

Wide receiver Eddie Kennison of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and linebacker James Gillyard of Shreveport will be superb. LSU signed them late.

No other school signed backs the quality of Robert Davis, Alabama's Mr. Football; Robert Toomer, the holder of almost every Georgia high school record for running backs; and Artie Moore, regarded as the quickest back from Mississippi since Walter Payton. With this bounty, what's a coach like Curly Hallman to do for an encore? We suspect Curly wants another one like this next year.

4. FLORIDA

Some observers rank this group as No. 1. Of course, a high rating indicates the players are outstanding. That would certainly apply to this class of Gators. Although an asterisk could be placed beside a couple of names, this class still deserves accolades.

Linebacker Dexter Daniels of Valdosta, Georgia, and quarterback Eric Kresser are fine players, but their lofty rankings in some circles may be excessive. Daniels was named national defensive Player of the Year in several publications, and Kresser received high marks as well. It will be interesting to see how well these two players develop in college.

This class is very talented, but the prize is 6-7 Reggie Green, the nation's top offensive tackle. Green is a 6-7, 305-pounder from Bradenton, Florida, who combines an intense work ethic with equal talent. Linebacker Johnny Church of Ft. Myers, Florida, could be the best defensive signee for Florida, and Danny Wuerffel is a quarterback with tremendous ability. Wuerffel is likely the quarterback of the future for Air Spurrier.

How good is this class? Perhaps Daniels and Kresser are the keys, but it looks like national championship material from here.

5. TEXAS A&M

The Aggie program is consistently among the nation's Top 10 recruiting winners. Not only does A&M sign impressive talent, it signs talent that fills needs. The state of Texas traditionally produces exceptional talent. Apparently A&M seems to think a bunch of it belongs to them.

Once the recruits are combined with last season's group, there should be some happy days in College Station. One reason for the Aggies' confidence is running back Leeland McElroy, a superior talent, who's a long-distance threat. Defensive back Sherrod Wyatt is the best of a fine group of deep defenders. Wide receiver Danny McCray has 4.3-4.4 speed in the 40 and

excellent hands. A&M will be dangerous deep this season on offense and defense.

Every year the media focus on the stars, but it's the consistency of the "other" players that's the foundation for a successful recruiting class. Again this year A&M did a superlative job across the board. Watch out for the Aggies. One more class like this one and who knows what good fortune awaits the faithful in College Station.

6. CLEMSON

Clemson football may not be considered around the country as being wide-open and exciting, but its style of recruiting should be. The Tigers will go anywhere and take on any competitors for a player. They lose some, but when they hit, people pay attention.

This year's Clemson class may be the nation's most underrated. Players such

The Clemson recruit class is what coaches dream about—strong from top to bottom. If the Tigers continue this trend, a title may not be far away.

as offensive lineman Will Young, a 6-4, 275-pounder who many believe to be among the nation's best, could play for anyone. Dexter McLeon of Meridian, Mississippi, may be the top option quarterback; Tommy Frazier, notwith-

standing, McLeon is quick with a 4.4 40 to his credit, but this youngster can throw as well.

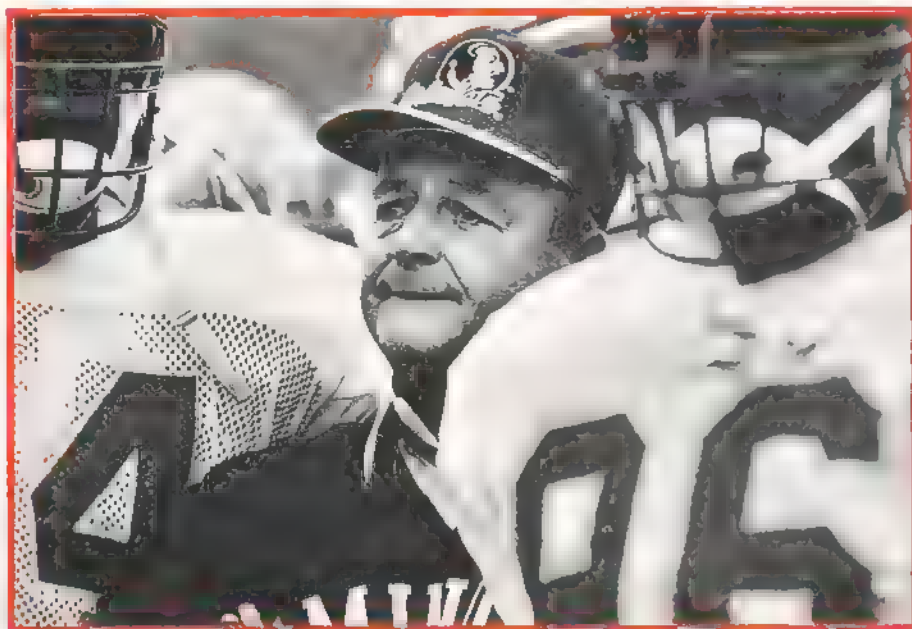
It's a solid group—from top to bottom. Linebacker Bernard Randolph of Pendleton, South Carolina, will be heard from and running back Tony DeSue, while no Steve Davis, is certainly a fine prospect. If Clemson continues to recruit this successfully, a national championship may not be too far down the road.

7. MICHIGAN

Michigan always seems to be around the upper crust of national recruiting. After all, this is a school that has enormous success convincing players from sunny climates like Florida and California to spend four years freezing to death in the Big Ten. How do they do it? First, the Michigan staff, like Clemson's, knows no boundaries. That and a great athletic program and a renowned academic university combine to form a top-notch recruiting machine.

Many consider Amani Toomer to be the top prep wide receiver in America. This player from Concord, California, (another kid who left the sunshine for the cold) runs a 4.4 40 and has more moves than a chess master. Shawn Collins, a linebacker who earned Player of the Year in New Jersey, is a tough kid who might make a serious bid for early playing time. Speaking of early playing time, quarterback Eric Boykin is a fine prospect who could have a promising career. Boykin left home ground in Ohio to become a Wolverine.

This class is a consistent, solid group with enough stars to be dangerous. How do all these warm-weather kids adapt anyway?



Florida State's recent successful years make it easy to land some of the nation's finest high school talent.

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

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8. COLORADO

Recruiting is the reason for the recent success of the Buffaloes, which includes a national championship, and a top recruiting class like this year's points the way to a bright future.

If you believe in bloodlines, then Koy Detmer should be cause for excitement. Like big brother and former Heisman Trophy winner Ty, he's a skilled quarterback. Koy threw for more than 8,000 yards in his Texas high school career, compiling a completion percentage better than 64 percent. Somewhat the opposite of Detmer is Ohio native Heath Irwin, who stands 6-7 and weighs 320 pounds. (Notice emphasis the Buffs put on recruiting nationally.)

Few runners are blessed with more tools than Nathan Campbell and Rashaan Salaam of Houston, Texas. Both have the speed, quickness and durability running teams covet. LSU bagged most of the football talent in Louisiana, but not all. Colorado inked Shannon Clavelle. The 6-5, 265-pound Clavelle runs an astounding 4.65 40 and should be a threat to play as a freshman.

The phrase "national recruiting school" is often casually thrown about, but few programs do a better job than

Colorado. What a class!

9. OKLAHOMA

Remember when Oklahoma had nearly 300 players and always seemed to have a third and fourth team that could beat the pants off most other schools' first strings? Well, those days may be gone due to modern scholarship limits, but the Sooners seem intent on repeating history.

First on the Sooners' 1992 shopping list were defensive tackles who could run. They may have filled that void in the person of Houston's Arthur Atkins. Atkins is a 6-4, 245-pound heavy-hitter with excellent mobility who can play on

Chad Davis set the national passing record for high school quarterbacks and should become the Sooners next great passer, à la Cale Gundy.

either side of the ball. Although lean and mean is nice, size is also a desirable commodity, and huge effectively describes 6-4, 290-pound Chris Campbell.

Oklahoma fans may still wonder what a wide receiver looks like, but Sooner coaches feel they've found a perfect model to display after signing All-American Michael McDaniel. McDaniel can beat you deep or catch the tough ones across the middle. Early playing time? You bet!

Of course, the main man on any Sooner team is the running back. However, this season it could end up being a certain fullback because he's such a mean and powerful individual. He's Dwayne Chandler, and he was rated the top player in Mississippi last year. This guy is first class. He'll play early and often.

And this Sooner class has more: Preseason All-America quarterback Chad Davis threw for 9,332 yards the national high school passing record. Chad is mature beyond his years and could start all four years as a collegian.

This class is deep and diverse.

10. OHIO STATE

It isn't a top fiver, and Georgia, Alabama, Miami and Tennessee may be comparable, but the Buckeyes landed some true impact players, and the quality seems to be consistently good from top to bottom so they get our vote for No. 10.

The good news for Ohio State begins with 6-5, 300-pound offensive lineman Korey Stringer of Warren, Ohio. Stringer is such a technically accomplished youngster, he could contribute early, but early or late he should be a good one. D.J. Jones is a tight end from Lebanon, Ohio, who has star quality. Whether you need short yardage or a quick pass reception, D.J. is the man.

Running back Travis McGuire is a potential star. Inside or out McGuire can do it all. West Virginia's contribution to Ohio State football is 6-6, 270-pound Brian Smith. Smith was his state's Player of the Year. Juan Porter is a 6-5, 305-pounder who should complement the other big guys in this class to give the Buckeyes an outstanding running attack.

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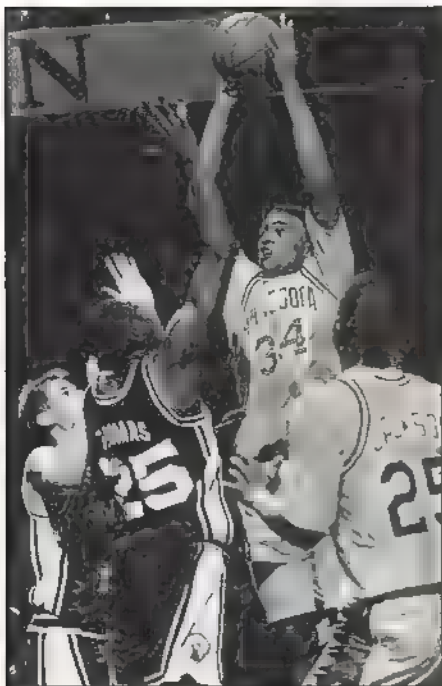
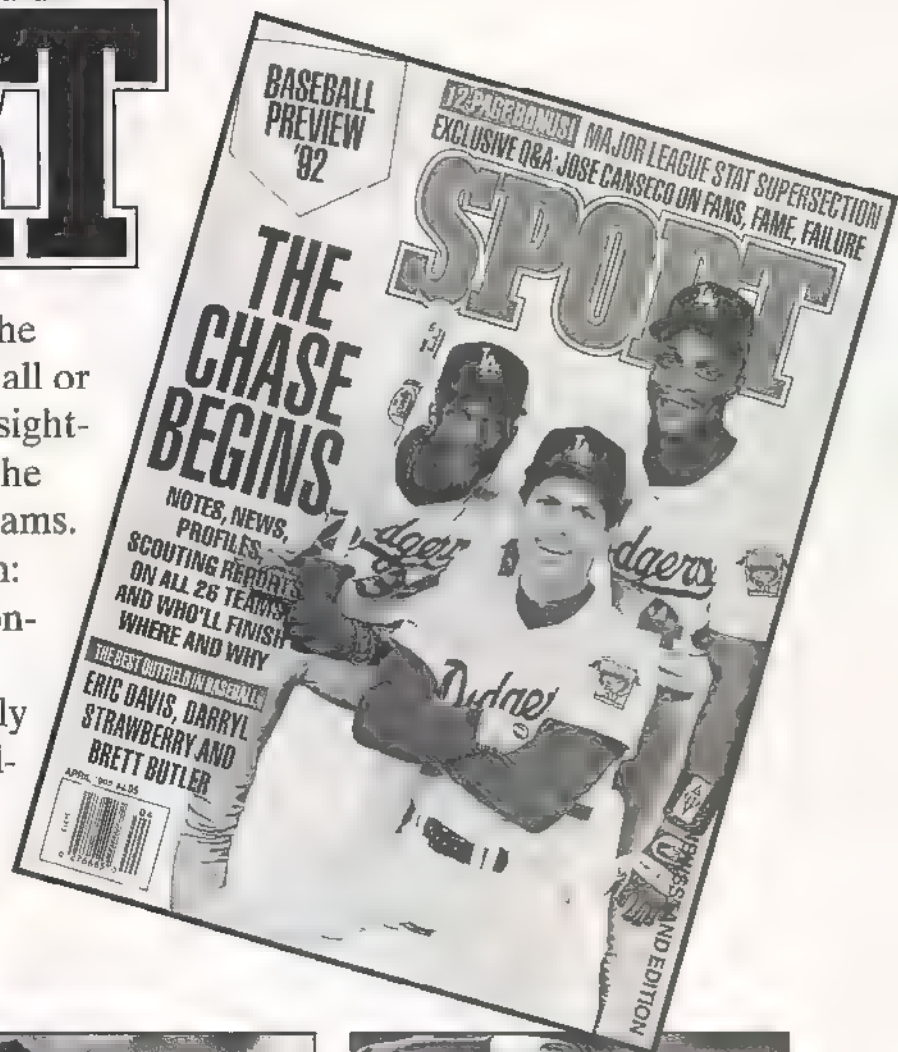
Oklahoma's Gary Gibbs scoured the land and came up with some diamonds in the rough on offense and defense.

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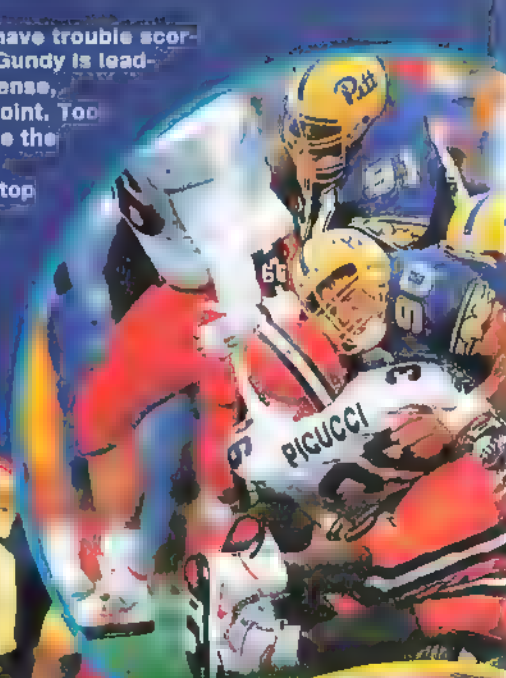
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1. Oklahoma won't have trouble scoring as long as Cale Gundy is leading the offense. Defense, however, is a sore point. Too many lost stars make the Sooners vulnerable, especially against top running teams.

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2. Nicky Powers' offensive numbers will skyrocket this season because the Wolverines want him to carry the ball as well as catch it out of the backfield.



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3. Shawn Jones and his Georgia Tech mates will have to learn quickly and implement new coach George Lewis' offensive system if they intend to return to the exclusive Top 25 club.

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4. Notre Dame's high-octane offense should continue to roll with Rick Mirer at the controls. The Irish crack our Top 25 lineup at No. 2.



5. Miami's Stephen McGuire still has enough bounce in his step to keep the Hurricanes blowing strong.

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CRYSTAL BALL

Petersen's Top 25 Countdown

Even Before The Whistle Blows, Gators And Canes Seem To Be The Best Of The Bunch

By Raymond Harper

Remember Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz? On her adventure toward the Emerald City, she had to pass through a dark forest where she was fearful of meeting lions and tigers and bears. Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!

Many of America's major college football teams may have the same nightmare this year trying to tip toe past Penn State, Clemson and California. But even more frightening may be Gators, Hurricanes and Seminoles. College football's land of Oz seems to have moved to the state of Florida, where wizards such as Steve Spurrier, Dennis Erickson and Bobby Bowden have the magical knack of fielding teams that render their opposition into a bunch of munchkins.

Last year Florida State was ranked No. 1 through much of the season until the curtain was pulled back to reveal a less-than-omnipotent Bowden. In fashioning an 11-2 year, the Seminoles whipped tough Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl for Florida State's 10th consecutive bowl victory. The only teams the Nole couldn't beat in 1991 were Penn State and Florida.

Meanwhile, Spurrier's Florida Gators went undefeated in the rugged Southeastern Conference. In the Sugar Bowl they let Notre Dame edge them by failing four times to punch the ball in when down near the tria goal line. Still, Florida finished with a 10-2 record and high national ranking.

It was supposed to be something of a rebuilding year for Erickson's Miami Hurricanes. Miami rebuilt all right, using every team it played as a building block to get another national championship, its fourth in the past decade. Demolishing Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, the Canes finished undefeated at 12-0 and were named co-champs of the national title along with Washington.

Don't look now, folks, but all three Florida teams are back and maybe stronger than last year. If all goes to form, at least a piece of the mythical national championship may stay right in the Sunshine State.

Then again, nothing ever goes to form, does it? Every year a few teams picked to not big fall flat on their backs, and conversely, a few teams expected to be cowardly lions turn into kings of the jungle. California's Golden Bears and the East Carolina Pirates led the way last year in positive transformations, while much-heralded David Klingler and the Houston Cougars had a house fall on them, and the once-maligned USC Trojans melted like a wicked witch.

This year, it could well be that one or more of Florida's

6. As usual Pittsburgh and Syracuse will battle for supremacy in the Big East.

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7. Sharing 1991's title was great, but this season Beno Bryant and the Washington Huskies won't settle for anything less than an outright crown.

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8. When cross-state rival Miami tackles Florida State, more than bragging rights could be at stake; a national championship, for instance.

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rific trio will take a wrong turn down the yellow brick road. If so, there will be no shortage of Lions and Tigers and Bears and Irish and Wolverines and Huskies and Huskers and Aggies and Orangemen, and even a Crimson Tide, ready and willing to fill the void.

To sort the whole thing out we turn to, what else, our very own crystal ball. As we gaze deep into the misty orb, the crystal ball cautions us to beware. For the first time in a long while quality quarterbacks are downright scarce. If there's a slogan that would apply to college football 1992, it could be: "Quarterback Wanted: Dead Arm or Alive." A banner like that could be displayed prominently at the stadiums of UCLA, Cal, Colorado, Virginia, Florida State and Penn State, among others.

The great quarterback hunt alone should make the 1992 season one worth discussing and remembering long after its conclusion.

Here's our view of the 25 best college teams as seen through our crystal ball, the trustiest orb this side of Oz.

1. FLORIDA

The Gators are ready for a serious run at the national title.

Bright spots for the Gators are a high-octane offense triggered by senior quarterback and Heisman candidate Shane Matthews. Matthews, a two-time SEC Player of the Year, has proven to be the consummate student of Head Coach Steve Spurrier's "pass first, see what happens" offensive philosophy. Florida has deftly blended into its repertoire the running of tailback Errict Rhett. Rhett accounted for more than 100 yards per game last season—good enough to win the SEC rushing title. Wide receiver Willie Jackson also topped the SEC ledger with 10 TD catches, and he'll be a favorite target again this year. If the Gators have a soft spot, it's a reconstructed front wall. They also must replace three high-quality players along the defensive line. Still intact, however, is an athletic secondary led by All American safety Will White. The Gators have enough bite to win it all.

2. MIAMI

Still loaded after all these years. The Canes are high on our list because they have the perfect blend of speed, strength and, oh yeah, arrogance. Wide receivers Lamar Thomas, Horace Copeland and Kevin Williams are back to drive defensive backs batty. And there's quarterback Gino Torretta, the guy who's supposed to be too slow, too robotic. But Torretta's a winner with a capital W. Because of a rebuilt offen-

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sive line, Gino's lack of mobility might become more of a liability this season. Defensively, the Canes will showcase a set of the best linebackers in the country. Perhaps teams should try to throw deep on Miami to exploit its soft secondary. The Canes have a tough schedule with teams such as Florida State and Penn State, but they've been through the fire before, and all this will do is make them believe more fervently in that "us vs. them" philosophy. That's when the Canes really become dangerous.

3. NEBRASKA

The Huskers must find a quarterback and soon. Preferably one who can run. First dibs probably will go to Mike Grant. However, nothing's written in stone in Lincoln. The Huskers will chal-



Greg Biekert, Colorado
PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

lenge nationally and in the Big Eight because they feature a running back tandem that few can match—or catch—for that matter. Derek Brown collected more than 1,300 yards last season, and his partner Calvin Jones pitched in with 900 yards and another 14 TDs. Although the Huskers could use more speed on defense, linebacking isn't a problem with All-Big Eight Travis Hill and David White on the prowl. The big test for Nebraska is when it travels to Washington to play the reigning champion Huskies. Nebraska wins that one, and they'll have enough confidence to tackle any team.

4. WASHINGTON

What a resilient team. Panic enveloped the city of Seattle during

spring practice a year ago, when starting QB Mark Brunell went down with an injury. However, the Cougars had a remedy: sophomore Billy Joe Hobert. All Hobert did last season was pass for 22 TDs and 2,271 yards. Yet Hobert wasn't the only offensive contributor. Far from it. Senior wide receiver Mario Bailey chipped in with 17 TD receptions. Bailey is gone, but Hobert and tailback extraordinaire Beno Bryant return. Defensively, though, the Cougars will be without All-American end Steve Emtman, the first pick in the NFL draft. But just like last season, the Huskies will find a way to fill the breach. Onward and upward go the Huskies.

5. ALABAMA

The Tide is steadily rising. Alabama finished 11-1 last season, and yes, all of the key players on offense and defense are back and ready to roll. Alabama is known for quality quarterbacks, but last year it was able to package sound signal-calling from Jay Barker with the swift, smooth moves of David Palmer, who led the nation in punt returns. The Tide is solid, but only time will tell whether the SEC's new format will force powers such as it, Georgia and Florida to beat each other up in the regular season and have nothing left come bowl time.

6. MICHIGAN

Fast-paced, no-huddle offense again. The nation's leading quarterback in passing efficiency, Elvis Grbac, returns, along with tailbacks Ricky Powers and Jesse Johnson. Both backs will play an even bigger role in the Wolverine's offense this season in order to compensate for the loss of 1991 Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard. They'll carry the ball as well as catch it out of the backfield. Grbac might take a few lumps early as the Wolves rebuild a decimated line, but he's tough enough to survive, and so are the Wolves. Michigan gets Notre Dame at home in the first game of the season, so sparks will fly early.

7. FLORIDA STATE

The Noles were loaded last year yet came up empty. This season talented quarterback Casey Weldon and running back Amp Lee are gone, and so are the Seminoles' chances of a securing a national title. With Weldon and Lee in the fold, the Noles offered a consistent, high-voltage mixture of pass and run. This season State will have to depend on its defense to carry it until a quarterback emerges. Charlie Ward and Kenny Fielder are top candidates for Weldon's slot, and Head Coach

Bobby Bowden hopes versatile Sean Jackson can step into Lee's hot shoes. A devastating defense (which surrendered only 82.8 yards per game last season), manned by hard hitting linebacker Marvin Jones, and the continued progress of heralded sophomore Derrick Brooks should be enough to keep the Noles in the hunt for an ACC title.

8. IOWA

The Hawkeyes will be off and running this season. Not because they want to, but out of necessity. In recent years the Hawkeyes employed an equal portion of pass and run, but this season they'll be without the services of Matt Rogers, a QB who helped them generate more than 245 yards per game in total offense. His replacement, most likely, will be Chuck Hartlieb. As for running the ball, it should be easy as long as the backs follow the lead of All-American center Mike Devlin.

9. NOTRE DAME

So offensive it's frightening. Last season the Irish churned out more than 5,000 yards and scored more points in a season than any other Irish team in history. It could be worse for opponents this season. All-American quarterback Rick Mirer (our preseason Heisman Trophy winner) returns alongside hard-running fullback Jerome Bettis. If opponents aren't sufficiently mesmerized by Mirer's precision passing, he'll hand the ball off to Bettis, and he'll run over them. Any way you slice it, Notre Dame will be a difficult team to beat. However, don't ink in the Irish as No. 1 yet. Holtz must find a way to shore up a mealy defense, which was much too charitable last season. That saying "It's better to give than receive" doesn't apply to football.

10. TEXAS A&M

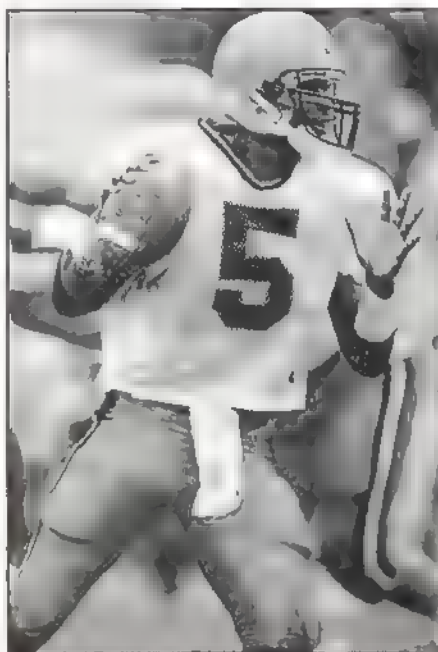
The Aggies were undefeated in the SWC last season, so prospects are bright for this year. An abundance of quality running backs means the Aggies will again be the team to beat in the conference. Seven starters return from the 1991 group. A&M begins the new season against Stanford. No matter what the outcome, the Aggies will benefit psychologically by playing this game. Linebacker Jason Atkinson keys a fast, aggressive defense that will ensure the Aggies are close in most games.

11. PENN STATE

Who'll replace Tony Sacca? That's the big question being asked by Lions fans. On one hand Head Coach Joe Paterno might have gotten rid of a four

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year headache with Sacca's graduation, but he'll probably get a new one trying to figure out who his new quarterback will be. Paterno will run the ball more—out of necessity—until a new QB can be groomed. Luckily, moving the ball on the ground won't be so bad since the Lions retain the services of tailback Richie Anderson. When it's time to pass, the Lions have a good-hands man in the person of wide receiver O.J. McDuffie, a do-it-all player who returned kicks at a 10.2-yard average last year in addition to notching 10 TDs. Fifty percent of an excellent defense remains, most notably the defensive line where linebacker Reggie Givens still roams in the storied tradition of Nittany Lions backers. Look for Penn State to play in and win some close games. Kicker Craig Fayak, who nailed nine straight field goals last season, could be a savior.



Marvin Graves, Syracuse

12. COLORADO

Needs a quarterback. Geez, haven't we heard that song before? At least the Buffs have a backup who's seen some action. Vance Joseph sparingly filled in for Darian Hagan and showed flashes of talent. What will help Joseph's confidence is the fact the Buffs have an experienced group of running backs in Lamont Warren (830 yards rushing in 1991) and fullback James Hill. Linebackers Chad Brown and Ron Woolfork give Nebraska a strong defensive platform from which to attack opponents. All-American cornerback Deon Figures can be counted on for excellent man-to-man coverage.

13. CLEMSON

The Tigers run the ball so well you'd swear they were 10-minute shopping spree contestants. Tiger hopes for a fine '92 season are buoyed by the knowledge that Clemson led the ACC in rushing last season, and the player largely responsible for that feat (tailback Rodney Blunt) returns this season. What's more frightening, he should be even better. Clemson's a tough date on any team's schedule because it also fields a terrific set of wideouts in Terry Smith and Larry Ryans. On the defensive end of the ball the Tigers retain All-American safety Robert O'Neal and six other prominent starters from a unit that ranked No. 1 in rushing defense last season, allowing a scant 53.4 yards per game.

14. OKLAHOMA

If this were 1991, we'd have ranked Oklahoma higher. But this is 1992, and reality set in. The Sooners won't be as good a team this year. Sure they still can count on the continued spectacular quarterback Cale Gundy, the nifty moves of Dewell Brewer and even the punishing power of fullback Kenyon Rasheed. The question is: Can the defense stop anyone? And for how long?

The loss of eight stellar defenders leaves us wondering: If the Sooners can finish as high as third in the Big Eight? If Gundy will have to pass for five touchdowns a game to ensure victory? Too many ifs.

15. MISSISSIPPI STATE

While many of the teams in this year's Top 25 are young and inexperienced at key positions, the Bulldogs are deep in seniority. That should mean fewer turnovers and result in the Dogs improving upon last season's 7-4 overall record. Head Coach Jackie Sherrill is a much-traveled man who's won at every stop, and he has the Dogs hungry. The Bulldogs return one of the SEC's best defensive lines, so opposing quarterbacks and runners will find the going rough when they meet them. Sherrill has dipped into the JUCO ranks and come up with some gems, notably on defense. Even with the rosy prospects, though, MSU had better learn how to win on the road since the team plays three straight against Texas, LSU and Memphis State.

16. STANFORD

The Cardinal welcomes Coach Bill Walsh back to Palo Alto. Stanford hopes he still has the magic that proved so potent the first time around here and in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers. Stanford's cupboard isn't empty.

Returning in '92 are quarterback Steve Stenstrom and Glyn Milburn at running back. Stenstrom took over at midseason last year, and immediately thereafter the Cardinal went on a roll, winning seven consecutive regular-season games to warrant an invite to the Aloha Bowl. You can be sure Stenstrom will be much better this season. We all know what Walsh did for a guy named Montana.

17. SYRACUSE

Everyone knows about the kickoff return ability and speed of Qadry Ismail. But the Orangemen have more. For starters there's quarterback Marvin Graves. He's one of the game's finest young option runners. As a sophomore last season, he tossed 10 TD passes, completing nearly 60 percent of his passes. Put Graves together with running back David Walker (969 yards in 1991) and throw in a potent defense led by linebackers Glen Young and Garland Hawkins, and the result is a Top 20 team. The Orangemen figure to be tested severely in games against Texas, Ohio State and Miami.

18. UCLA

After two mediocre seasons UCLA rebounded last season into the John Hancock Bowl. One reason for the resurgence was the fact the Bruins finally recruited some speed on the defense. The continued progress on defense will be a key again this season. More important, perhaps, UCLA must quickly find a replacement for quarterback Tommy Maddox, who though only a sophomore, had the school in high gear, passing for a tad over 245 yards per game. The Bruins exhibited a balanced offense last season, and if they can find a QB before too much damage is done, running back Kevin Williams (the Pac-10's leading rusher) will ensure balance again. Wide receiver Sean LaChapelle returns, but his effectiveness depends on who the quarterback is. So does the success of the Bruins.

19. PITTSBURGH

The Panthers enter the fray in 1992 with quarterback Alex Van Pelt still a major offensive force. Greatness has been forecast for Van Pelt since his freshman year, and although he's not a superstar in this his senior season, he possesses leadership abilities that Pitt needs desperately. Behind Van Pelt the Panthers were the second-best offensive team in the Big East last season.

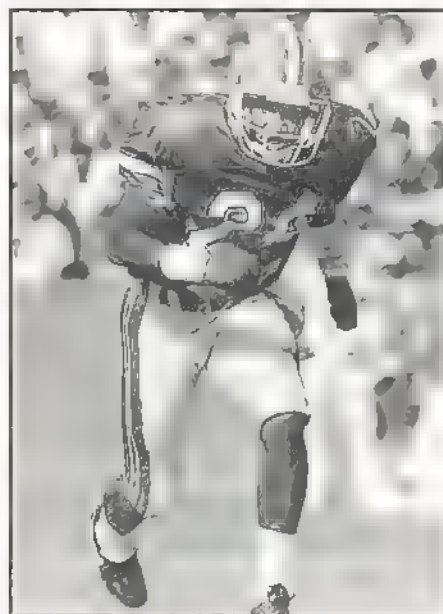
The team should be strong offensively again this year and have a running attack to balance its passing prowess, provided by tailback Curtis Martin. There are problems, though, on

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defense, especially at linebacker. Everything must go right for the Panthers to break into the Top 10. It won't.

20. GEORGIA

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs play in the SEC. So look for an intense battle with conference foes all year. Sophomore flanker Andre Hastings is a diamond in the rough and will improve with each game. The Dogs have adjusted well to a new coach's offensive scheme, but there are too many question marks on defense, and a host of off-field problems could put the bite on the 1992 season prospects.



Tre Everett, Florida

21. CAL

The passing game needs work, but the running attack is in the capable hands of All-American candidate Russell White. It will be interesting to see how new head coach Keith Gilbertson is received by the Cal players. The Bears will have to fill the void at quarterback, and there are gaping holes at linebacker and in the secondary. Still, Cal is on a high from its phenomenal 1991 season, and success should spill over into 1992, despite all the unknowns.

22. TEXAS TECH

The Red Raiders are slowly moving up the ladder toward the crest of credibility in this league of state sibling rivalries. The team will make its bid this year on the expected great performances of quarterback Robert Hall and receiver Lloyd Hill. The Raiders were competitive (5-3) in the SWC a year

ago, so it's not unthinkable that this season could net at least two more wins. Nationally, Texas Tech won't fare as well, but they're gaining respect with each season of improvement.

23. TULSA

The Golden Hurricane surprised many opponents and prognosticators alike last season when it stormed to a 9-2 regular-season record and a Freedom Bowl bid. This season the world will be more attentive. The Hurricanes' strong suit remains their running game. It features Ron Jackson, who ran away with Freedom Bowl MVP honors last season. However, the Hurricanes will be without quarterback T.J. Rubely, who sparkled in '91. Tulsa employs a one-back set, and if it's to have comparable success to last season, the team will need some ability behind center. A soft schedule in 1992 will allow time for the offense to develop. For Jackson's sake it had better not take too long, or he'll be on the injured list by the fourth game.

24. VIRGINIA

Heisman candidate tailback Terry Kirby is the main weapon in the Cavaliers' arsenal. Kirby comes off a season in which he led the team in rushing and receiving. His numbers might slip a bit this season because the Cavs lose quarterback Matt Blundin, but he's so talented he'll find a way to the ball. Coaching-wise and defensively, Virginia is in capable hands. George Welsh won Coach of the Year honors nationally as well as in the ACC. This season, without Blundin, he'll have to work a little harder, and the wins won't come as easily. The good news on defense is Chris Slade at defensive end. Last season the Cavs finished strongly, going 7-0-1 in their final eight contests. The '92 schedule favors a repeat performance.

25. BOWLING GREEN

The Falcons flew high and long last season, compiling an 11-1 slate (including a California Raisin Bowl victory). They should join an airlines mileage plus club this year. The Falcons are the best the under-publicized MAC has to offer. This team plays well together, all seemingly intent on team goals as opposed to individual achievements. The Falcons featured the best offense in the conference last season. Two of their most talented flyers return: wide receiver Mark Szlachet and signal-caller Erik White. Too bad not much attention is paid to the MAC; the Falcons deserve notice. Perhaps if they show well against Ohio State this season, they can shun the Rodney Dangerfield label and get some respect. ■

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ABILENE CHRISTIAN	
SEP 5	@ N. TEXAS
SEP 19	@ CAL ST. SACRAMENTO
SEP 26	MIDWESTERN ST
OCT 3	@ F. NEW MEXICO
OCT 10	@ CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
OCT 17	ANGELO ST
OCT 24	@ CAMERON
OCT 31	@ E. TEXAS ST
NOV 7	@ TEXAS A&I

ADAMS STATE	
SEP 5	NW OKLAHOMA
SEP 12	@ SW OKLAHOMA
SEP 26	@ WESTERN ST
OCT 3	@ CHADRON ST
OCT 10	@ CO. ORADO MINES
OCT 17	@ FORT HAYS ST
OCT 24	@ FORT LEWIS
OCT 31	@ MEGA ST
NOV 7	NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS
NOV 14	@ W. NEW MEXICO

ADRIAN	
SEP 12	@ MOUNT UNION
SEP 19	DEFIANCE
SEP 26	ILL. WESLEYAN
OCT 3	@ EVANSVILLE
OCT 10	@ OLIVET
OCT 17	@ ALMA
OCT 24	@ HOPE
OCT 31	@ ALBION
NOV 7	@ KALAMAZOO

AID FORD	
SEP 5	RICE
SEP 12	HAWAII
SEP 19	@ WYOMING
SEP 26	NEW MEXICO
OCT 3	@ UTEP
OCT 10	NAVY
OCT 17	COLORADO ST
OCT 24	@ SAN DIEGO ST
OCT 31	UTAH
NOV 7	@ ARMY
NOV 14	BRIGHTMAN YOUNG

AKRON	
SEP 5	@ E. MICHIGAN
SEP 12	@ TOLEDO
SEP 19	@ W. MICHIGAN
OCT 3	@ OHIO
OCT 10	@ KENT
OCT 17	@ RAIL ST
OCT 24	BOWLING GREEN
OCT 31	CENTRAL MICH. GAN
NOV 7	TEMPLE
NOV 14	YOUNGSTOWN ST
NOV 21	@ CINCINNATI

ALABAMA	
SEP 5	VANDERBILT
SEP 12	MISSISSIPPI @ BIRMINGHAM
SEP 19	ARKANSAS @ LITTLE ROCK
SEP 26	LOUISIANA TECH.
OCT 3	@ S. CAROLINA
OCT 10	@ TULANE
OCT 17	@ TENNESSEE
OCT 24	MISSISSIPPI
NOV 7	@ LOUISIANA ST
NOV 14	@ MISSISSIPPI ST
NOV 28	AUBURN

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM	
SEP 5	MILLSAPS
SEP 12	GALLAUDET
SEP 19	WASH & LEE
SEP 26	@ TENN. WESLEYAN
OCT 3	MILES
OCT 17	CHARLESTON SO.
OCT 24	@ FERRIS
OCT 31	@ SANFORD
NOV 7	@ LINDENWOOD
NOV 14	@ CLINCH VALLEY

ALABAMA A&M	
AUG 29	MILES
SEP 5	JACKSONVILLE ST @ MOBILE

SEP 12	HOWARD @ LOS ANGELES
SEP 19	@ N. ALABAMA
SEP 26	SAVANNAH ST
OCT 3	@ MORRIS BROWN
OCT 10	@ MOREHOUSE
OCT 17	ALBANY (GA) ST.
OCT 24	@ FORT VALLEY ST.
OCT 31	ALABAMA ST @ BIRMINGHAM
NOV 7	CLARK ATLANTA

ALABAMA STATE	
SEP 12	@ SOUTHERN B.R.
SEP 19	@ ALCORN ST
SEP 26	@ TROY ST
OCT 3	CENTRAL (OH) ST. @ INDIANAPOLIS
OCT 10	JACKSON ST.
OCT 17	TEXAS SOUTHERN @ MOBILE
OCT 24	PRAIRIE VIEW
OCT 31	ALABAMA A&M @ BIRMINGHAM
NOV 7	@ GRAMBLING
NOV 14	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

ALBANY (GEORGIA) STATE	
SEP 12	MILES
SEP 19	LIVINGSTON
SEP 26	@ MOREHOUSE
OCT 3	TUSKEGEE
OCT 10	SAVANNAH ST
OCT 17	@ ALABAMA A&M
OCT 24	@ BETHUNE-COOKMAN
OCT 31	CLARK ATLANTA
NOV 7	@ MORRIS BROWN
NOV 14	@ FORT VALLEY ST

ALBANY (NEW YORK) STATE	
SEP 12	ITHACA
SEP 19	@ SPRINGFIELD
SEP 26	@ BROCKPORT ST.
OCT 3	ALFRED
OCT 10	UNION (NY)
OCT 17	CORTLAND ST.
OCT 24	@ NORWICH
OCT 31	SALISBURY ST.
NOV 7	@ W. CONNECTICUT ST.
NOV 14	@ ST. LAWRENCE

ALBION	
SEP 5	@ THIEL
SEP 12	@ WHITTIER
SEP 19	@ WADASH
SEP 26	DEPAUW
OCT 10	KALAMAZOO
OCT 17	@ HOPE
OCT 24	@ OLIVET
OCT 31	@ ADRIAN
NOV 7	ALMA

ALBRIGHT	
SEP 12	W. MARYLAND
SEP 19	@ WILKES
SEP 26	LEBANON VALLEY
OCT 3	@ DELAWARE VALLEY
OCT 10	@ MERCHANT MARINE
OCT 17	WIDENER
OCT 24	@ JUNIATA
OCT 31	LYCOMING
NOV 7	MORAVIAN
NOV 14	@ SUSQUEHANNA

ALCORN STATE	
SEP 5	GRAMBLING @ SHREVEPORT
SEP 19	ALABAMA ST
SEP 26	@ HOWARD
OCT 3	@ SAM HOUSTON ST
OCT 10	TEXAS SOUTHERN
OCT 17	@ PRAIRIE VIEW
OCT 24	SOUTHERN-B.R.
OCT 31	@ JACKSONVILLE ST
NOV 7	@ MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
NOV 21	JACKSON ST.

ALFRED	
OCT 12	GT. JOHN FISHON
SEP 19	BROCKPORT ST.
SEP 26	@ ITHACA
OCT 3	@ ALBANY (NY)
OCT 10	@ ST. LAWRENCE
OCT 17	HOBAT
OCT 24	MERCYHURST
OCT 31	@ BUFFALO ST

NOV 7	CANISUS
NOV 14	@ LIU-C-W POST

ALLEGHENY	
SEP 12	@ WESTMINSTER (PA)
SEP 19	@ WOOSTER
SEP 26	CASE RESERVE
OCT 3	CARNEGIE MELLON
OCT 10	@ WITTENBERG
OCT 17	KENYON
OCT 24	@ OBERLIN
OCT 31	DENSON
NOV 7	@ OHIO WESLEYAN
NOV 14	EARLHAM

ALMA	
SEP 12	JOHN CARROLL
SEP 19	FRANKLIN
SEP 26	@ BLUFFTON
OCT 3	@ ILL. BENEDICTINE
OCT 10	HOPE
OCT 17	@ ADRIAN
OCT 24	KALAMAZOO
OCT 31	@ OLIVET
NOV 7	@ ALBION

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL	
SEP 11	@ SPRINGFIELD
SEP 19	@ MILLERSVILLE
SEP 26	CENTRAL CONN. ST.
OCT 2	@ S. CONNECTICUT ST.
OCT 10	ITHACA
OCT 17	@ NEW HAVEN
OCT 24	@ VALDOSTA ST.
OCT 31	@ E. STROUDSBURG
NOV 7	BOWIE ST.
NOV 14	SPRINGFIELD

AMHERST	
SEP 26	HAMILTON
OCT 3	@ BOWDOIN
OCT 10	@ MIDDLEBURY
OCT 17	GOLBY
OCT 24	@ WESLEYAN
OCT 31	TUFTS
NOV 7	@ TRINITY (CT)
NOV 14	WILLIAMS

ANDERSON	
SEP 12	AURORA
SEP 19	@ CARTHAGE
SEP 26	@ DENVER
OCT 3	FRANKLIN
OCT 10	HANOVER
OCT 17	@ MANHATTAN
OCT 24	WABASH
OCT 31	@ DEPAUW
NOV 7	@ ROSE-HULMAN
NOV 14	TAYLOR

ANGELO STATE	
SEP 5	HENDERSON ST.
SEP 12	@ PRAIRIE VIEW
SEP 19	@ SAM HOUSTON ST.
SEP 26	@ S. UTAH
OCT 10	E. NEW MEXICO
OCT 17	@ ABILENE CHRISTIAN
OCT 24	CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
OCT 31	CAMERON
NOV 7	@ E. TEXAS ST
NOV 14	TEXAS A&I

APPALACHIAN STATE	
SEP 5	@ N. CAROLINA ST.
SEP 12	@ WAKE FOREST
SEP 26	E. TENNESSEE ST.
OCT 3	CITADEL
OCT 10	@ JAMES MADISON
OCT 17	@ VA. MILITARY
OCT 24	FURMAN
OCT 31	@ TENN.-CHATT.
NOV 7	@ MARSHALL
NOV 14	N. CAROLINA A&T
NOV 21	W. CAROLINA

ARIZONA	
SEP 5	UTAH ST.
SEP 12	WASHINGTON ST.
SEP 19	@ OREGON ST

SEP 26	@ MIAMI (FL)
OCT 3	UCLA
OCT 17	@ STANFORD
OCT 24	@ CALIFORNIA
OCT 31	NEW MEXICO ST
NOV 7	WASHINGTON
NOV 14	@ S. CALIFORNIA
NOV 21	ARIZONA ST.

ARIZONA STATE	
SEP 5	WASHINGTON
SEP 19	LOUISVILLE
SEP 26	@ NEBRASKA
OCT 3	@ OREGON
OCT 10	PACIFIC (CA)
OCT 17	OREGON ST.
OCT 24	@ UCLA
OCT 31	S. CALIFORNIA
NOV 7	@ WASHINGTON ST
NOV 14	CALIFORNIA
NOV 21	@ ARIZONA

ARKANSAS	
SEP 5	CITADEL
SEP 12	@ S. CAROLINA
SEP 19	ALABAMA @ LITTLE ROCK
SEP 26	@ MEMPHIS ST
OCT 3	GEORGIA
OCT 10	@ TENNESSEE
OCT 17	MISSISSIPPI @ LITTLE ROCK
OCT 31	@ AUBURN
NOV 7	@ MISSISSIPPI ST
NOV 21	SML @ LITTLE ROCK
NOV 28	LOUISIANA ST

ARKANSAS STATE	
SEP 5	@ TOLEDO
SEP 12	@ OKLAHOMA
SEP 19	N. ILLINOIS
SEP 26	S. ILLINOIS
OCT 3	NORTHWESTERN (LA)
OCT 10	TRAY ST
OCT 17	@ MEMPHIS ST.
OCT 24	@ MISSISSIPPI ST.
OCT 31	@ LOUISIANA TECH
NOV 14	@ E. CAROLINA
NOV 21	@ SW LOUISIANA

ARMY	
SEP 12	HOLY CROSS
SEP 19	@ N. CAROLINA
SEP 26	CITADEL
OCT 10	LAUREL
OCT 17	RUTGERS @ RUTHERFORD
OCT 24	@ WAKE FOREST
OCT 31	E. MICHIGAN
NOV 7	AIR FORCE
NOV 14	N. ILLINOIS
NOV 21	BOSTON COLLEGE
DEC 5	NAVY @ PHILADELPHIA

ASHLAND	
SEP 5	@ VALPARAISO
SEP 12	FERRIS ST.
SEP 19	SLIPPERY ROCK
SEP 26	@ HILLSDALE
OCT 3	WAYNE ST. (MI)
OCT 10	@ SAGINAW VALLEY
OCT 17	ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)
OCT 24	@ GRAND VALLEY ST
OCT 31	@ BUTLER
NOV 7	INDIANAPOLIS
NOV 14	N. MICHIGAN

ASSUMPTION	
SEP 12	@ ST. PETER'S
SEP 19	MIT
SEP 26	@ STONEHILL
OCT 3	NICHOLS
OCT 10	@ BENTLEY
OCT 17	@ W. NEW ENGLAND
OCT 24	CURRY
OCT 31	SIENA
NOV 7	MASS.-LWELL
NOV 14	SACRED HEART

AUBURN	
SEP 5	@ MISSISSIPPI
SEP 12	SANFORD
SEP 19	LOUISIANA ST.

SEP 26	S. MISSISSIPPI
OCT 3	VANDERBILT
OCT 10	@ MISSISSIPPI ST
OCT 17	@ FLORIDA
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OCT 10	@ BETHEL (MN)
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OCT 31	CARLETON
NOV 7	@ CONCORDIA M. HEAD
NOV 13	ST. OLAF @ MINNEAPOLIS

AUGUSTANA (ILLINOIS)	
SEP 12	LOHAS
SEP 19	@ DRAKE
OCT 3	NORTH PARK
OCT 10	@ NORTH CENTRAL
OCT 17	@ ILL. WESLEYAN
OCT 24	ELMHURST
OCT 31	@ MILLIKIN
NOV 7	@ CARTHAGE
NOV 14	WHEATON (IL)

AUGUSTANA (SOUTH DAKOTA)	
SEP 3	@ NEB.-KEARNY
SEP 12	GUST ADOLPHUS
SEP 19	N. DAKOTA ST
SEP 26	@ NEB.-OMAHA
OCT 3	N. COLORADO
OCT 10	@ N. DAKOTA
OCT 17	@ S. DAKOTA
OCT 24	@ S. DAKOTA ST.
OCT 31	MCMURRAY
NOV 7	@ ST. CLOUD ST
NOV 14	MANKATO ST.

AURORA	
SEP 12	@ ANDERSON
SEP 19	@ TRINITY (IL)
SEP 26	ELMHURST
OCT 3	DRAKE
OCT 10	@ OLIVET NAZARENE
OCT 17	@ MACMURRAY
OCT 24	ILL. BENEDICTINE
OCT 31	@ CHICAGO
NOV 7	WARTBURG

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SEP 5	E. ILLINOIS
SEP 12	KNOXVILLE
SEP 19	@ S. ILLINOIS
SEP 26	@ SE MISSOURI ST
OCT 3	@ MURRAY ST
OCT 10	@ MIDDLE TENN. ST
OCT 17	TENNESSEE TECH
OCT 24	@ TENNESSEE ST
OCT 31	MOREHEAD ST.
NOV 14	E. KENTUCKY
NOV 21	TENN.-MARTIN

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SEP 12	@ WITTENBERG
SEP 19	@ HIRAM
SEP 26	MUSKINGUM
OCT 3	@ MOUNT UNION
OCT 10	OTTERBEIN
OCT 17	CAPITAL
OCT 24	@ MARIETTA
OCT 31	HE DELBERG
NOV 7	OHIO NORTHERN
NOV 14	JOHN CARROLL

BALL STATE	
SEP 5	@ CLEMSON
SEP 12	@ KANSAS
SEP 19	@ KENT
SEP 26	MIAMI (OH)
OCT 3	@ W. MICHIGAN
OCT 10	@ MICHIGAN
OCT 17	AKRON
OCT 24	CENTRAL MICHIGAN

OCT 31 @ OHIO
NOV 7 TOLEDO
NOV 14 @ BOWLING GREEN

BATES

SEP 26 @ TRINITY (CT)
OCT 3 @ TUFTS
OCT 10 WILLIAMS
OCT 17 WESLEYAN
OCT 24 @ MIDDLEBURY
OCT 31 COLBY
NOV 7 @ BOWDOIN
NOV 14 HAMILTON

BAYLOR

SEP 5 LOUISIANA TECH
SEP 12 COLORADO
SEP 19 UTAH ST
SEP 26 @ TEXAS TECH
OCT 3 SMU
OCT 10 @ TEXAS CHR STIAN
OCT 17 HOUSTON
OCT 24 @ TEXAS A&M
NOV 7 GFORGIA TECH
NOV 14 @ RICE
NOV 21 TEXAS

BELOIT

SEP 12 @ CONCORDIA (WI)
SEP 19 CORNELL COLLEGE
SEP 26 KNOX
OCT 3 @ COE
OCT 10 RIPON
OCT 17 CARROLL (WI)
OCT 24 @ LAWRENCE
OCT 31 @ ST NORBERT
NOV 7 LAKE FOREST

BEMIDJI STATE

SEP 12 @ ST. JOHN'S (MN)
SEP 19 WAYNE ST (NE)
SEP 26 @ MICHIGAN TECH
OCT 3 MINN.-DULUTH
OCT 10 @ SOUTHWEST ST (MN)
OCT 17 MOORHEAD ST.
OCT 24 @ WINONA ST.
OCT 31 MINN.-MORRIS
NOV 7 @ NORTHERN ST (SD)
NOV 14 NEB.-KEARNY @ MINNEAPOLIS

BENTLEY

SEP 11 CURRY
SEP 19 @ STONY BROOK
SEP 25 NICHOLS
OCT 3 MIT
OCT 10 ASSUMPTION
OCT 17 @ SIENA
OCT 24 @ W. NEW ENGLAND
OCT 31 @ STONEHILL
NOV 7 UPSALA
NOV 14 ST JOHN'S (NY)

BETHANY (WEST VIRGINIA)

SEP 5 MERCYHURST
SEP 12 @ CAPITAL
SEP 19 DUQUESNE
SEP 26 WASH. & JEFF
OCT 3 THIEL
OCT 10 GROVE CITY
OCT 17 @ WAYNESBURG
OCT 24 @ GANNON
OCT 31 @ CLINCH VALLEY

BETHEL (MINNESOTA)

SEP 12 @ CENTRAL (IA)
SEP 19 @ MACALESTER
SEP 26 CARLETON
OCT 3 @ CONCORDIA-M. HEAD
OCT 10 AUGSBURG
OCT 17 @ ST JOHN'S (MN)
OCT 24 GUST ADOLPHUS
OCT 31 @ HAMLIN
NOV 7 ST. OLAF
NOV 14 ST THOMAS (MN)

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

SEP 5 SAVANNAH ST. @ JACKSONVILLE
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SEP 19 @ DELAWARE ST. @ FORT LAUDERDALE
SEP 26 SAMFORD
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OCT 24 ALBANY ST (GA)
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NOV 14 NORFOLK ST
NOV 21 @ MORGAN ST
NOV 28 FLORIDA A&M @ TAMPA

BLACKBURN

SEP 5 @ CHICAGO
SEP 12 @ MARANATHA
SEP 19 @ ILLINOIS COLLEGE
SEP 26 @ NORTH PARK
OCT 3 KENTUCKY WESLEYAN
OCT 10 @ PRINCIPIA
OCT 24 @ MACMURRAY
OCT 31 N/A

NOV 14 CONCORDIA (IL)

BLOOMSBURG

SEP 5 @BUCKNELL
SEP 12 @ SHIPPENSBURG
SEP 19 LOCK HAVEN
SEP 26 E. STROUDSBURG @ MDCSC
OCT 3 @ MILLERSVILLE
OCT 10 CLARION
OCT 17 KUTZTOWN
OCT 24 @ WEST CHESTER
NOV 7 @ CHEYNEY
NOV 14 MANSFIELD

BLUFFTON

SEP 12 @ OHIO NORTHERN
SEP 19 MANOVER
SEP 26 ALMA
OCT 3 @ GROVE CITY
OCT 17 @ URBANA
OCT 24 @ MT ST. JOSEPH
OCT 31 WILMINGTON (OH)
NOV 7 DEFIANCE
NOV 14 @ THOMAS MORE

BOISE STATE

SEP 5 TENN.-CHATT
SEP 12 @ IDAHO ST
SEP 19 PACIFIC (CA)
SEP 26 @ STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
OCT 3 @ MONTANA
OCT 10 @ N. ARIZONA
OCT 17 WEBER ST.
OCT 24 PORTLAND ST.
OCT 31 MONTANA ST.
NOV 14 @ E. WASHINGTON
NOV 21 IDAHO

BOSTON COLLEGE

SEP 5 RUTGERS
SEP 12 NORTHWESTERN
SEP 19 NAVY
SEP 26 MICHIGAN ST.
OCT 3 @ W. VIRGINIA
OCT 10 @ PENN ST.
OCT 17 @ TULANE
OCT 24 TEMPLE
OCT 31 @ NOTRE DAME
NOV 7 SYRACUSE
NOV 14 @ ARMY
NOV 21

BOSTON U.

SEP 5 @ TEMPLE
SEP 12 @ WILLIAM & MARY
SEP 19 @ MASSACHUSETTS
OCT 3 VILLANOVA
OCT 10 @ DELAWARE
OCT 17 RICHMOND
OCT 24 @ RHODE ISLAND
OCT 31 NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOV 7 @ MAINE
NOV 14 CONNECTICUT
NOV 21 NORTHEASTERN

BOWDOIN

SEP 26 @ MIDDLEBURY
OCT 3 AMHERST
OCT 10 @ HAMILTON
OCT 17 TRINITY (CT)
OCT 24 @ WESLEYAN
OCT 31 BATES
NOV 7 COLBY
NOV 14 TUFTS @ GALWAY
NOV 29

BOWIE STATE

SEP 5 @ LIVINGSTONE
SEP 12 @ HAMPTON
SEP 19 N.C. CENTRAL
SEP 26 VIRGINIA ST
OCT 3 VIRGINIA UNION
OCT 10 NORFOLK ST.
OCT 17 ELIZABETH CITY ST.
OCT 24 @ WINSTON-SALEM
OCT 31 @ HOWARD
NOV 7 AMERICAN INT'L
NOV 14 @ WOFFORD

BOWLING GREEN

SEP 5 W. MICHIGAN
SEP 12 @ OHIO ST.
SEP 19 @ WISCONSIN
SEP 26 @ E. CAROLINA
OCT 3 @ CENTRAL MICHIGAN
OCT 10 OHIO
OCT 17 @ TOLEDO
OCT 24 @ AKRON
OCT 31 MIAMI (OH)
NOV 7 @ KENT
NOV 14 BALL ST.

BRIDGEWATER STATE (MASS)

SEP 12 @ KEAN
SEP 19 @ MAINE MARITIME
SEP 26 MASS. BOSTON
OCT 3 @ FITCHBURG ST
OCT 10 FRAMINGHAM ST
OCT 17 @ WESTFIELD ST

OCT 24 @ PLYMOUTH ST.
OCT 31 WORCESTER ST.
NOV 7 @ MASS. MARITIME
NOV 14 MASS.-DARTMOUTH

BRIDGEWATER (VA)

SEP 12 @ CLINCH VALLEY
SEP 19 @ EMORY & HENRY
SEP 26 WESLEY
OCT 3 HAMPDEN SYDNEY
OCT 10 METHODIST
OCT 17 @ GUILFORD
OCT 24 @ FROSTBURG ST
OCT 31 WASH. & LEE
NOV 7 @ RANDOLPH-MACON
NOV 14 DAVIDSON

BRIGHTMAN YOUNG

SEP 5 @ UTEP
SEP 12 SAN DIEGO ST.
SEP 19 @ UCLA
SEP 26 @ HAWAII
OCT 2 UTAH ST
OCT 10 FRESNO ST.
OCT 17 @ WYOMING
OCT 24 @ NOTRE DAME
OCT 31 PENN ST
NOV 7 NEW MEXICO
NOV 14 @ AIR FORCE
NOV 21 @ UTAH

BROCKPORT STATE

SEP 5 @ DENISON
SEP 12 @ JERSEY CITY ST.
SEP 19 @ ALFRED
SEP 26 ALBANY (NY)
OCT 3 BUFFALO ST.
OCT 10 CORTLAND ST.
OCT 17 NORWICH
OCT 24 @ ST JOHN FISHER
OCT 31 @ FROSTBURG ST
NOV 7 MERCYHURST

BROWN

SEP 19 YALE
SEP 26 @ BUCKNELL
OCT 3 @ WILLIAM & MARY
OCT 10 @ PRINCETON
OCT 17 LEHIGH
OCT 24 PENNSYLVANIA
OCT 31 @ CORNELL
NOV 7 @ HARVARD
NOV 14 DARTMOUTH
NOV 21 @ COLUMBIA

BUCKNELL

SEP 5 BLOOMSBURG
SEP 12 @ VILLANOVA
SEP 19 @ TOWSON ST.
SEP 26 BROWN
OCT 3 @ DARTMOUTH
OCT 10 @ COLUMBIA
OCT 24 @ HOLY CROSS
OCT 31 FORDHAM
NOV 7 @ LEHIGH
NOV 14 LAFAYETTE
NOV 21 COLGATE

BUENA VISTA

SEP 12 @ CORNELL COLLEGE
SEP 19 LORAS
SEP 26 @ SIMPSON
OCT 3 CENTRAL (IA)
OCT 17 @ UPPER IOWA
OCT 24 WARTBURG
OCT 31 @ WILLIAM PENN
NOV 7 @ DUBUQUE
NOV 14 LUTHER

UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO

SEP 5 @ EDINBORO
SEP 12 @ NEW HAVEN
SEP 19 LAFAYETTE
SEP 26 MANSFIELD
OCT 3 MORGAN ST.
OCT 10 @ COLGATE
OCT 24 HOFSTRA
OCT 31 @ CENTRAL CONN ST
NOV 7 @ CENTRAL FLORIDA

BUFFALO STATE

SEP 12 MANSFIELD
SEP 19 @ CANISUS
SEP 26 CORTLAND ST.
OCT 3 @ BROCKPORT ST
OCT 24 @ ITHACA

OCT 31 ALFRED
NOV 7 HOBART
NOV 14 GANNON

BUTLER

SEP 5 @ N. MICHIGAN
SEP 12 ST JOSEPH'S (IN)
SEP 19 @ GRAND VALLEY ST.
OCT 3 INDIANAPOLIS
OCT 10 @ WAYNE ST (MO)
OCT 17 VALPARAISO
OCT 24 @ FERRIS ST.
OCT 31 ASHLAND
NOV 7 HILLSDALE
NOV 14 @ SAGINAW VALLEY

CALIFORNIA (BERKELEY)

SEP 5 SAN JOSE ST.
SEP 12 @ PURDUE
SEP 19 @ KANSAS
OCT 3 OREGON ST.
OCT 10 @ WASHINGTON
OCT 17 @ S. CALIFORNIA
OCT 24 ARIZONA
OCT 31 @ UCLA
NOV 7 @ OREGON
NOV 14 @ ARIZONA ST
NOV 21 STANFORD

UC DAVIS

SEP 12 @ CAL ST. NORTHRIDGE
SEP 19 @ SANTA CLARA
SEP 26 ST MARY'S (CA)
OCT 3 CAL ST. SACRAMENTO
OCT 10 CAL POLY SLO
OCT 17 SONOMA ST.
OCT 24 @ HUMBOLDT ST.
OCT 31 CAL ST. CHICO
NOV 7 @ SAN FRAN. ST.
NOV 14 @ CAL ST. HAYWARD

CALIFORNIA (PA)

SEP 5 W. LIBERTY ST
SEP 12 @ W. VA. WESLEYAN
SEP 19 @ FAIRMONT ST.
SEP 26 @ KUTZ TOWN
OCT 3 @ E. STROUDSBURG
OCT 10 SLIPPERY ROCK
OCT 17 @ INDIANA (PA)
OCT 24 EDINBORO
OCT 31 @ CLARION
NOV 7 LOCK HAVEN
NOV 14 @ SHIPPENSBURG

CAL LUTHERAN

SEP 12 POMONA-PITZER
SEP 19 @ AZUSA-PACIFIC
OCT 3 @ SAN DIEGO
OCT 10 @ CLAREMONT-M-S
OCT 17 @ OCCIDENTAL
OCT 24 MENLO
OCT 31 @ REDLANDS
NOV 7 LA VERNE
NOV 14 @ WHITTIER

CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO

SEP 12 @ N. DAKOTA ST
SEP 19 CAL ST. CHICO
OCT 3 SONOMA ST
OCT 10 @ UC DAVIS
OCT 17 CAL ST. SACRAMENTO
OCT 24 @ CAL ST. NORTHRIDGE
OCT 31 @ SANTA CLARA
NOV 7 S. UTAH
NOV 14 @ PORTLAND ST

CAMERON

SEP 5 @ MO. SOUTHERN ST
SEP 12 TARTLETON ST
SEP 19 EAST CENTRAL (OK)
SEP 26 W. TEXAS ST.
OCT 3 @ TEXAS A&I
OCT 17 @ E. NEW MEXICO
OCT 24 ABILENE CHRISTIAN
OCT 31 @ ANGELO ST
NOV 7 @ CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
NOV 14 E. TEXAS ST

CANISUS

SEP 12 @ ST. FRANCIS (PA)
SEP 19 BUFFALO ST
SEP 26 ST LAWRENCE
OCT 3 @ MERCYHURST
OCT 10 @ ST. JOHN FISHER
OCT 17 FROSTBURG ST
OCT 24 @ HOBART

OCT 31 DUQUESNE
NOV 7 @ ALFRED
NOV 14 MATRIST

CAPITAL

SEP 12 BETHANY (W. VA)
SEP 19 JOHN CARROLL
SEP 26 @ HIRAM
OCT 3 @ MARIETTA
OCT 10 HEIDE.BERG
OCT 17 @ BALDWIN-WALLACE
OCT 24 @ MUSKINGUM
OCT 31 OHIO NORTHERN
NOV 7 @ MOUNT UNION
NOV 14 OTTERBEIN

CARLETON

SEP 12 NW MINNESOTA
SEP 19 HAMLIN
SEP 26 @ BETHEL (MN)
OCT 3 ST. THOMAS (MN)
OCT 10 @ MACALESTER
OCT 17 @ ST. OLAF
OCT 24 CONCORDIA M'HEAD
OCT 31 @ AUGSBURG
NOV 7 ST JOHN'S (MN)
NOV 14 SGT. ADOLPHUS @ MINNEAPOLIS

CARNEGIE MELLON

SEP 5 JUNIATA
SEP 12 @ WASHINGTON (MO)
SEP 19 ROCHESTER
OCT 3 @ ALLEGHENY
OCT 10 @ TRINITY (TX)
OCT 17 @ CHICAGO
OCT 24 @ DUQUESNE
OCT 31 GROVE CITY
NOV 7 @ CATHOLIC
NOV 14 @ CASE RESERVE

CARROLL (WISCONSIN)

SEP 5 NORTH CENTRAL
SEP 12 @ KALAMAZOO
SEP 19 @ ILLINOIS COLLEGE
OCT 3 MONMOUTH (IL)
OCT 10 LAWRENCE
OCT 17 @ BELOIT
OCT 24 LAKE FOREST
OCT 31 @ RIPON
NOV 7 ST. NORBERT

CARSON-NEWMAN

SEP 5 FAYETTEVILLE ST
SEP 12 HOWARD PAYNE
SEP 19 @ ELON
OCT 3 @ CATAWBA
OCT 10 WINGATE
OCT 17 @ MARS HILL
OCT 24 GARDNER-WEBB
OCT 31 @ LENOIR-RHYNE
NOV 7 @ NEW HAVEN
NOV 14 PRESBYTERIAN

CARTHAGE

SEP 19 ANDERSON
SEP 26 @ ILL. BENEDICTINE
OCT 3 @ ELMHURST
OCT 10 MILLIKIN
OCT 17 WHEATON (IL)
OCT 24 @ ILL. WESLEYAN
OCT 31 NORTH PARK
NOV 7 AUGUSTANA (IL)
NOV 14 @ NORTH CENTRAL

CASE RESERVE

SEP 12 @ ROCHESTER
SEP 19 @ WASHINGTON (MO)
SEP 26 @ ALLEGHENY
OCT 3 WITTENBERG
OCT 10 @ KENYON
OCT 17 OBERLIN
OCT 24 @ DENISON
OCT 31 OHIO WESLEYAN
NOV 7 CHICAGO
NOV 14 CARNEGIE MELLON

CATAWBA

SEP 5 @ LEES-MCRAE
SEP 12 @ MARS HILL
SEP 26 WOFFORD
OCT 3 CARSON NEWMAN
OCT 10 @ PRESBYTERIAN
OCT 17 @ GARDNER-WEBB
OCT 24 @ ELON
OCT 31 NEWBERRY
NOV 7 WINGATE

 **TOYOTA**
"I love what you do for me."

TOYOTA

NOV. 14 LENOIR-RHYNE

CATHOLIC

SEP 5 ST. JOHN FISHER
SEP 12 SWARTHMORE
SEP 19 RANDOLPH-MACON
SEP 26 IONA
OCT 3 METHODIST
OCT 10 DUCQUESNE
OCT 17 GALLAUDET
OCT 24 SACRED HEART
OCT 31 GEORGETOWN
NOV 7 CARNEGIE MELLON

CENTRAL (IOWA)

SEP 12 BETHLE (MN)
SEP 19 DUBUQUE
SEP 26 WARTBURG
OCT 3 BUENA VISTA
OCT 10 WILLIAM PENN
OCT 17 SIMPSON
OCT 24 LORAS
OCT 31 UPPER IOWA
NOV 7 LUTHER

CENTRAL ARKANSAS

SEP 5 E TEXAS ST
SEP 12 DELTA ST
SEP 19 FORT HAYS ST
SEP 26 TENN. CHATT
OCT 3 OUACHITA BAPT
OCT 10 HARDING
OCT 17 ARK-MONTICELLO
OCT 24 HENDERSON ST.
OCT 31 5. ARKANSAS
NOV 7 ARKANSAS TECH

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE

SEP 5 HOFSTRA
SEP 11 TRENTON ST.
SEP 19 GLASSBORO ST.
SEP 26 AMERICAN INT'L
OCT 3 NEW HAVEN
OCT 10 SPRINGFIELD
OCT 31 BUFFALO
NOV 7 S. CONNECTICUT
NOV 14 WM. PATENSON

CENTRAL FLORIDA

SEP 5 GARDNER-WEBB
SEP 12 BETHUNE-COOKMAN
SEP 19 TROY ST.
SEP 26 W. ILLINOIS
OCT 3 SAVANNAH ST.
OCT 17 NICHOLLS ST.
OCT 24 W. KENTUCKY
OCT 31 LIBERTY
NOV 7 BUFFALO
NOV 14 JAMES MADISON
NOV 21 SAMFORD

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

SEP 5 KENTUCKY
SEP 12 MICHIGAN ST.
SEP 19 OHIO
SEP 26 TOLEDO
OCT 3 BOWLING GREEN
OCT 10 MIAMI (OH)
OCT 17 KENT
OCT 24 BALL ST.
OCT 31 AKRON
NOV 7 E. MICHIGAN
NOV 14 W. MICHIGAN

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE

SEP 5 N ALABAMA
SEP 19 MO. SOUTHERN ST
SEP 26 SOUTHWEST BAPTIST
OCT 3 EMPORIA ST.
OCT 10 NW MISSOURI ST.
OCT 17 WASHBURN
OCT 24 NE MISSOURI ST.
OCT 31 MISSOURI-ROLLA
NOV 7 MO. WESTERN ST.
NOV 14 PITTSBURG ST

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

SEP 5 NW MISSOURI ST.
SEP 12 FORT HAYS ST
SEP 19 S. UTAH
SEP 26 CAL ST. NORTHBRIDGE
OCT 3 E. TEXAS ST.
OCT 10 ARIZONA CHRISTIAN

OCT 17 TEXAS A&I
OCT 24 ANGELO ST
NOV 7 CAMERON
NOV 14 E. NEW MEXICO

CENTRE

SEP 12 HAMPDEN-SYDNEY
SEP 19 MARYVILLE (TN)
SEP 26 WASH. & LEE
OCT 3 SEWANE
OCT 10 MILLSAPS
OCT 24 TRINITY (TX)
OCT 31 KENTUCKY WESLEYAN
NOV 7 DAVIDSON
NOV 14 RHODES

CHADRON ST.

SEP 12 S. DAKOTA TECH
SEP 19 BLACK HILLS ST
SEP 26 PERV ST. ALLIANCE
OCT 3 ADAMS ST
OCT 10 NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS
OCT 17 COLORADO MINES
OCT 24 WESTERN ST.
OCT 31 FORT HAYS ST
NOV 7 FORT LEWIS
NOV 14 MESA ST

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

SEP 5 METHODIST
SEP 12 GARDNER-WEBB
SEP 19 NEWPORT NEWS APP
SEP 26 GUILFORD
OCT 3 NEWBERRY
OCT 10 E. TENNESSEE ST.
OCT 17 ALA-BIRMINGHAM
OCT 24 DAVIDSON
NOV 14 S. CAROLINA ST

CHEYNEY

SEP 5 DELAWARE ST. WILMINGTON
SEP 12 MORRIS BROWN
SEP 19 HOWARD PHILADELPHIA
OCT 3 WEST CHESTER
OCT 10 F. STROUD-BARRA
OCT 17 SLIPPERY ROCK
OCT 24 MANSFIELD
OCT 31 MILLERSVILLE
NOV 7 BLOOMSBURG
NOV 14 KUTZTOWN

CHICAGO

SEP 5 BLACKBURN
SEP 12 CONCORDIA (IL)
SEP 19 LAWRENCE
SEP 26 KALAMAZOO
OCT 3 ROCHESTER
OCT 10 DRAKE
OCT 17 CARNEGIE MELLON
OCT 24 WASHINGTON (MO)
OCT 31 AURORA
NOV 7 CASE RESERVE

CAL STATE CHICO

SEP 5 SANTA CLARA
SEP 12 MONTANA
SEP 19 CAL POLY SLO
OCT 3 ST. MARY'S (CA)
OCT 10 CAL ST. SACRAMENTO
OCT 17 CAL ST. HAYWARD
OCT 24 SAN FRAN. ST.
OCT 31 UC DAVIS
NOV 7 SONOMA ST
NOV 14 HUMBOLDT ST

CINCINNATI

SEP 5 PENN ST
SEP 19 MIAMI (OH)
SEP 26 TENNESSEE
OCT 3 KENT
OCT 10 MEMPHIS ST.
OCT 17 E. CAROLINA
OCT 24 S. MISSISSIPPI
OCT 31 LOUISVILLE
NOV 7 RUTGERS
NOV 14 KENTUCKY
NOV 21 AKRON

THE CITADEL

SEP 5 ARKANSAS
SEP 12 WOFFORD
SEP 19 E. TENNESSEE ST.

SEP 26 ARMY
OCT 3 APPALACHIAN ST.
OCT 10 TENN. CHATT
OCT 17 MARSHALL
OCT 24 W. CAROLINA
NOV 7 NEWBERRY
NOV 14 VA. MILITARY
NOV 21 FURMAN

CLAREMONT MUDD-SCRIPPS

SEP 12 RHODES
SEP 26 SAN DIEGO
OCT 3 MENLO
OCT 10 CAL LUTHERAN
OCT 17 REDLANDS
OCT 24 POMONA-PITZER
OCT 31 WHITTIER
NOV 7 OCCIDENTAL
NOV 14 LA VERNE

CLARION

SEP 5 YOUNGSTOWN ST.
SEP 19 NEW HAVEN
SEP 26 WESTMINSTER (PA)
OCT 3 EDINBORO
OCT 10 BLOOMSBURG
OCT 17 LOCK HAVEN
OCT 24 SHIPPENSBURG
OCT 31 CALIFORNIA (PA)
NOV 7 SLIPPERY ROCK
NOV 14 INDIANA (PA)

CLARK ATLANTA

SEP 7 MORRIS BROWN
SEP 26 W. GEORGIA
OCT 3 FT. VALLEY ST.
OCT 10 TUSKEGEE
OCT 17 KENTUCKY ST.
OCT 24 MILES
OCT 31 ALBANY ST.
NOV 7 ALBAMA A&M
NOV 14 MOREHOUSE

CLEMSON

SEP 4 BALL ST.
SEP 12 FLORIDA ST
SEP 26 GEORGIA TECH
OCT 3 TENN. CHATT.
OCT 10 VIRG NIA
OCT 17 DUKE
OCT 24 N. CAROLINA ST
OCT 31 WAKE FOREST
NOV 7 N. CAROLINA
NOV 14 MARYLAND
NOV 21 S. CAROLINA

COAST GUARD

SEP 12 MASS.-LOWELL
SEP 19 RENSSELAER
SEP 26 STONY BROOK
OCT 3 NORWICH
OCT 17 W. CONNECTICUT ST.
OCT 24 UNION (NY)
OCT 31 PLYMOUTH ST
NOV 7 WORCESTER TECH
NOV 14 MERCHANT MARINE

COE

SEP 12 WARTBURG
SEP 19 WILLIAM PENN
SEP 26 RIPON
OCT 3 BELLOIT
OCT 10 GRINNELL
OCT 17 ILLINOIS COLLEGE
OCT 24 MONMOUTH (NJ)
OCT 31 KNOX
NOV 7 CORNELL COLLEGE

COLBY

SEP 26 WILLIAMS
OCT 3 MIDDLEBURY
OCT 10 WESLEYAN
OCT 17 AMHERST
OCT 24 HAMILTON
OCT 31 BATES
NOV 7 TUFTS
NOV 14 BOWDOIN

COLGATE

SEP 12 RUTGERS
SEP 19 FORDHAM
SEP 26 PENNSYLVANIA

OCT 3 COLUMBIA
OCT 10 BUFFALO
OCT 17 CORNELL
OCT 24 LEH GH
OCT 31 LAFAYETTE
NOV 7 WILLIAM & MARY
NOV 14 HOLY CROSS
NOV 21 BUCKNELL

COLORADO

SEP 5 COLORADO ST.
SEP 12 BAYLOR
SEP 19 MINNESOTA
SEP 26 IOWA
OCT 3 MISSOURI
OCT 17 OKLAHOMA
OCT 24 KANSAS ST.
OCT 31 NEBRASKA
NOV 7 OKLAHOMA ST.
NOV 14 KANSAS
NOV 21 IOWA ST

COLORADO COLLEGE

SEP 12 GRINNELL
SEP 19 POMONA-PITZER
SEP 26 GREENVILLE (IL)
OCT 10 AUSTIN
OCT 17 TRINITY (TX)
OCT 24 MILSAPS
OCT 31 HARDIN-SIMMONS
NOV 7 WASHINGTON (MO)
NOV 14 HASTINGS

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

SEP 5 MIDLAND LUTHERAN
SEP 12 DOANE
SEP 19 HASTINGS
OCT 3 WESTERN ST.
OCT 10 ADAMS ST
OCT 17 CHADRON ST.
OCT 24 FORT HAYS ST.
OCT 31 FORT LEWIS
NOV 7 MESA ST
NOV 14 NEW MEX. HIGHLANDS

COLORADO STATE

SEP 5 COLORADO
SEP 12 IDAHO
SEP 19 FRESNO ST
SEP 26 LOUISIANA ST
OCT 3 UTAH
OCT 10 UTEP
OCT 17 AIR FORCE
OCT 24 WYOMING
OCT 31 SAN DIEGO ST.
NOV 7 HAWAII
NOV 14 OHIO
NOV 21 NEW MEXICO

COLUMBIA

SEP 19 HARVARD
SEP 26 FORDHAM
OCT 3 COLGATE
OCT 10 BUCKNELL
OCT 17 PENNSYLVANIA
OCT 24 YALE
OCT 31 PRINCETON
NOV 7 QUARTMOUTH
NOV 14 CORNELL
NOV 21 BROWN

CONCORDIA (ILLINOIS)

SEP 17 CHICAGO
SEP 19 N'WESTERN (WI)
SEP 26 MARANATHA
OCT 3 LAKELAND
OCT 10 EUREKA
OCT 17 CONCORDIA (WI)
OCT 24 GREENVILLE
OCT 31 MACMURRAY
NOV 7 PRINCIPIA
NOV 14 BLACKBURN

CONCORDIA (MINNESOTA)

SEP 17 MOOREHEAD ST
SEP 19 GUST ADOLPHUS
SEP 26 HAMLINE
OCT 3 BETHLE (MN)
OCT 10 ST THOMAS (MN)
OCT 17 MACALESTER
OCT 24 CARLETON
OCT 31 ST OLAF
NOV 7 AUGSBURG

NOV 14 ST. JOHN'S (NY) @ MINNEAPOLIS

CONNECTICUT

SEP 5 NEW HAVEN
SEP 12 NEW HAMPSHIRE
SEP 26 NORTHEASTERN
OCT 3 YALE
OCT 10 VILLANOVA
OCT 17 MASSACHUSETTS
OCT 24 MAINE
OCT 31 RICHMOND
NOV 7 DEL AWARE
NOV 14 BOSTON U.
NOV 21 RHODE ISLAND

CORNELL COLLEGE

SEP 12 BUENA VISTA
SEP 19 BELOIT
SEP 26 ST NORBERT
OCT 3 LAKE FOREST
OCT 10 KNOX
OCT 17 MONMOUTH (IL)
OCT 24 GRINNELL
OCT 31 ILLINOIS COLLEGE
NOV 7 COE

CORNELL

SEP 19 PRINCETON
SEP 26 LEHIGH
OCT 3 LAFAYETTE
OCT 10 HARVARD
OCT 17 COLGATE
OCT 24 DARTMOUTH
OCT 31 BROWN
NOV 7 YALE
NOV 14 COLUMBIA
NOV 21 PENNSYLVANIA

CORTLAND STATE

SEP 5 FERRIS
SEP 12 MONTCLAIR ST
SEP 19 MANSFIELD
SEP 26 BUFFALO ST
OCT 10 BROCKPORT ST.
OCT 17 ALBANY (NY)
OCT 24 SPRINGFIELD
OCT 31 WASH. & JEFF.
NOV 7 ITHACA
NOV 14 S. CONNECTICUT ST

CURRY

SEP 11 BENTLEY
SEP 19 W. NEW ENGLAND
SEP 26 FRAMINGHAM ST
OCT 3 STONEHILL
OCT 10 NICHOLS
OCT 24 ASSUMPTION
OCT 31 HARTWICK
NOV 7 MIT

LONG ISLAND-C.W. POST

SEP 12 SALISBURY ST
SEP 19 RAMAPO
SEP 26 MARIST
OCT 3 PACE
OCT 10 GANNON
OCT 17 IONA
OCT 23 ST JOHN'S (NY)
OCT 31 WAGNER
NOV 7 SPRINGFIELD
NOV 14 ALFRED

DARTMOUTH

SEP 18 PENNSYLVANIA
SEP 26 NEW HAMPSHIRE
OCT 3 BUCKNELL
OCT 10 HOLY CROSS
OCT 17 YALE
OCT 24 CORNELL
OCT 31 HARVARD
NOV 7 COLUMBIA
NOV 14 BROWN
NOV 21 PRINCETON

DAVIDSON

SEP 5 GUILFORD
SEP 12 SEWANE
SEP 19 RHODES
SEP 26 EMORY & HENRY
OCT 10 WASH. & LEE
OCT 17 METHODIST
OCT 24 CHARLESTON ST.

OCT 31 @ HAMPTON-SYDNEY
NOV 7 CENTRE
NOV 14 @ BRIDGEWATER (VA)

DAYTON

SEP 12 WIS.-PLATTEVILLE
SEP 19 @ WHEATON (IL)
SEP 20 @ URBANA
OCT 3 MT ST. JOSEPH
OCT 10 MERCYHURST
OCT 17 DRAKE
OCT 24 THOMAS MORE
OCT 31 EVANSVILLE
NOV 7 @ HOFSTRA
NOV 14 MT SENARIO

DEFIANCE

SEP 5 @ HANOVER
SEP 19 @ ADRIAN
SEP 26 @ OLIVET
OCT 3 KALAMAZOO
OCT 10 MT ST. JOSEPH
OCT 17 WILMINGTON (OH)
OCT 24 URBANA
OCT 31 @ THOMAS MORE
NOV 7 @ SUFFOLK
NOV 14 WOOSTER

DELAWARE

SEP 12 MASSACHUSETTS
SEP 19 RHODE ISLAND
SEP 26 WEST CHESTER
OCT 3 @ NEW HAMPSHIRE
OCT 10 BOSTON U.
OCT 17 @ VII ANOVA
OCT 24 @ NAVY
OCT 31 @ MAINE
NOV 7 CONNECTICUT
NOV 14 @ RICHMOND
NOV 21 TOWSON ST.

DELAWARE STATE

SEP 5 CHEYNEY @ WILMINGTON
SEP 12 @ YOUNGSTOWN
SEP 19 @ WILMINGTON @ U. DELAWARE
OCT 10 TOWSON ST.
OCT 17 FLORIDA A&M
OCT 24 @ MORGAN ST.
OCT 31 S. CAROLINA ST.
NOV 7 N. CAROLINA A&T
NOV 14 @ LIBERTY
NOV 21 @ HOWARD

DELAWARE VALLEY

SEP 12 WAGNER
SEP 19 JUNATA
SEP 26 @ LYCOMING
OCT 3 ALBRIGHT
OCT 10 @ SUSQUEHANNA
OCT 17 WILKES
OCT 24 LEBANON VALLEY
OCT 31 @ MORAVIAN
NOV 7 @ WESLEY
NOV 14 @ WIDENER

DELTA STATE

SEP 5 @ TENN.-MARTIN
SEP 12 CENTRAL ARK.
SEP 19 @ HENDERSON ST.
SEP 26 N. ALABAMA
OCT 3 @ NE LOUISIANA
OCT 10 @ JACKSONVILLE ST.
OCT 24 LIVINGSTON
OCT 31 @ W. GEORGIA
NOV 7 VALDOSTA ST.
NOV 14 @ MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

DENISON

SEP 5 BROCKPORT ST.
SEP 12 @ MUSKINGUM
SEP 19 OBERLIN
OCT 3 @ OHIO WESLEYAN
OCT 10 EARLHAM
OCT 17 @ WOOSTER
OCT 24 CASE RESERVE
OCT 31 @ ALLEGHENY
NOV 7 WITTENBERG
NOV 14 @ KENYON

DEPAUW

SEP 12 @ HOPE
SEP 19 @ MILLSAPS
SEP 26 @ ALBION
OCT 3 @ HANOVER
OCT 10 @ HANOVER
OCT 17 @ TAYLOR
OCT 24 MANCHESTER
OCT 31 ANDERSON
NOV 7 @ FRANKLIN
NOV 14 @ WABASH

DICKINSON

SEP 12 @ HOBART
SEP 19 @ MUELLENBERG
SEP 26 @ GEORGETOWN
OCT 3 @ UNION (NY)
OCT 10 FRANK & MARSH.

OCT 17 @ W. MARYLAND
OCT 24 SWARTHMORE
OCT 31 @ JOHNS HOPKINS
NOV 7 GETTYSBURG
NOV 14 @ URSINUS

DRAKE

SEP 12 @ JIMPSON
SEP 19 AUGUSTANA (IL)
SEP 26 @ MILLIKIN
OCT 3 @ AURORA
OCT 10 CHICAGO
OCT 17 @ DAYTON
OCT 24 QUINCY
OCT 31 @ ILL. BENEDICTINE
NOV 7 OLIVET NAZARENE
NOV 14 @ EVANSVILLE

DUBUQUE

SEP 12 GRACELAND
SEP 19 CENTRAL (IA)
SEP 26 @ EUREKA
OCT 3 @ LUTHER
OCT 10 UPPER IOWA
OCT 17 @ LORAS
OCT 24 SIMPSON
OCT 31 @ WARFURG
NOV 7 BUENA VISTA
NOV 14 @ WILLIAM PENN.

DUKE

SEP 5 @ FLORIDA ST.
SEP 12 @ VANDERBILT
SEP 19 @ RICE
SEP 26 VIRGINIA
OCT 10 E. CAROLINA
OCT 17 @ CLEMSON
OCT 24 MARYLAND
OCT 31 @ GEORGIA TECH
NOV 7 WAKE FOREST
NOV 14 @ N. CAROLINA ST.
NOV 21 N. CAROLINA

DUQUESNE

SEP 12 @ GROVE CITY
SEP 19 @ BETHANY (W. VA)
SEP 26 THIEL
OCT 3 @ GANNON
OCT 10 CATHOLIC
OCT 17 @ ST. JOHN'S (NY)
OCT 24 @ CARNEGIE MELLON
OCT 31 @ CANISUS
NOV 7 ST. FRANCIS (PA)
NOV 14 @ WAGNER

EARLHAM

SEP 5 @ MANCHESTER
SEP 12 @ OTTERBEIN
SEP 19 WITTENBERG
SEP 26 @ KENYON
OCT 3 OBERLIN
OCT 10 @ DENSON
OCT 17 OHIO WESLEYAN
OCT 24 @ PRINCIPIA
OCT 31 @ WOOSTER
NOV 14 @ ALLEGHENY

EAST CAROLINA

SEP 5 @ SYRACUSE
SEP 12 VIRGINIA TECH
SEP 19 @ S. CAROLINA
SEP 26 @ BOWLING GREEN
OCT 10 @ DUKE
OCT 17 CINCINNATI
OCT 24 @ PITTSBURGH
OCT 29 @ S. MISSISSIPPI
NOV 7 @ W. VIRGINIA
NOV 14 ARKANSAS ST.
NOV 21 @ MEMPHIS ST.

EAST STROUDSBURG

SEP 12 S. CONNECTICUT ST.
SEP 19 @ INDIANA (PA)
SEP 26 BLOOMSBURG @ MOSSIC
OCT 3 CALIFORNIA (PA)
OCT 10 CHEYNEY
OCT 17 @ MANSFIELD
OCT 24 MILLERSVILLE
OCT 31 @ AMERICAN INT'L
NOV 7 KUTZTOWN
NOV 14 @ WEST CHESTER

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

SEP 5 VA. MILITARY
SEP 12 @ MARS HILL
SEP 19 @ CITADEL
SEP 26 @ APPALACHIAN ST.
OCT 3 @ MOREHEAD ST.
OCT 10 CHARLESTON SO.
OCT 17 @ LOUISIANA TECH
OCT 24 @ FURMAN
NOV 7 @ TENN.-CHATT
NOV 14 @ W. CAROLINA
NOV 21 @ MARSHALL

EAST TEXAS STATE

SEP 5 @ CENTRAL ARKANSAS
SEP 12 @ PITTSBURG ST.
SEP 19 @ S. ARKANSAS
SEP 26 @ NORTHWESTERN (LA)
OCT 3 @ CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
OCT 10 TEXAS A&I
OCT 17 IOWA WESLEYAN
OCT 24 E. NEW MEXICO
OCT 31 @ ABILENE CHRISTIAN
NOV 7 ANGELO ST.
NOV 14 @ CAMERON

EASTERN ILLINOIS

SEP 5 @ AUSTIN HEAT
SEP 12 @ MARSHALL
SEP 19 MURRAY ST.
SEP 26 @ ILLINOIS ST.
OCT 3 S. ILLINOIS
OCT 10 INDIANA ST.
OCT 17 @ W. ILLINOIS
OCT 24 @ SW MISSOURI ST.
OCT 31 @ YOUNGSTOWN ST.
NOV 7 N. IOWA
NOV 14 W. KENTUCKY

EASTERN KENTUCKY

SEP 5 @ W. KENTUCKY
SEP 12 NE LOUISIANA
SEP 19 TENNESSEE TECH
OCT 3 SE MISSOURI ST.
OCT 10 @ SAMFORD
OCT 17 @ MIDDLE TENN. ST.
OCT 24 @ TENN.-MARTIN
OCT 31 TENNESSEE ST.
NOV 7 MURRAY ST.
NOV 14 @ AUSTIN DEAY
NOV 21 @ MOREHEAD ST.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

SEP 5 AKRON
SEP 12 @ LOUISIANA TECH
SEP 19 @ PENN ST.
SEP 26 KENT
OCT 3 MIAMI (OH)
OCT 10 @ BALL ST.
OCT 17 @ W. MICHIGAN
OCT 24 OHIO
OCT 31 @ ARMY
NOV 7 @ CENTRAL MICHIGAN
NOV 14 @ TOLEDO

EASTERN NEW MEXICO

SEP 5 @ NEW MEX. HIGHLANDS
SEP 12 @ WESTERN ST.
SEP 19 W. NEW MEXICO
OCT 3 ABILENE CHRISTIAN
OCT 10 ANGELO ST.
OCT 17 @ CARKHUN
OCT 24 @ E. TEXAS ST.
OCT 31 TEXAS A&I
NOV 7 @ W. TEXAS ST.
NOV 14 CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

EASTERN WASHINGTON

SEP 12 @ PORTLAND ST.
SEP 19 SONOMA ST.
SEP 26 @ MONTANA
OCT 3 WEBER ST.
OCT 10 MONTANA ST.
OCT 17 IDAHO
OCT 24 @ N. ARIZONA
OCT 31 IDAHO ST.
NOV 7 @ NE LOUISIANA
NOV 14 BOISE ST.

EDINBORO

SEP 5 @ BUFFALO
SEP 12 @ NORTHWOOD
SEP 19 @ S. CONNECTICUT ST.
OCT 3 CLARION
OCT 10 @ LOCK HAVEN
OCT 17 SHIPPENSBURG
OCT 24 @ CALIFORNIA (PA)
OCT 31 SLIPPERY ROCK
NOV 7 @ INDIANA (PA)
NOV 14 @ MILLERSVILLE

ELIZABETH CITY STATE

SEP 5 @ WINSTON-SALEM
SEP 12 FAYETTEVILLE ST.
SEP 19 CENTRAL ST. (MD) @ LINCOLN
SEP 26 @ NORFOLK ST.
OCT 3 @ N.C. CENTRAL
OCT 10 VIRGINIA UNION
OCT 17 @ BOWIE ST.
OCT 24 VIRGINIA ST.
OCT 31 HAMPTON

NOV 7 @ KENTUCKY ST.

ELMHURST

SEP 19 ILL. BENEDICTINE
SEP 26 @ AURORA
OCT 3 @ CARTHAGE
OCT 10 @ NORTH PARK
OCT 17 NORTH CENTRAL
OCT 24 @ AUGUSTANA (IL)
OCT 31 ILL. WESLEYAN
NOV 7 @ WHEATON (IL)
NOV 14 @ MILLIKIN

ELON

SEP 5 WOFFORD
SEP 12 CARSON-NEWMAN
SEP 19 NEWBERRY
OCT 3 @ LENOIR-RHYNE
OCT 10 @ MARS HILL
OCT 17 PRESBYTERIAN
OCT 24 @ CATAWBA
OCT 31 GARDNER WEBB
NOV 7 LEES-MCRAE
NOV 14 @ WINGATE

EMORY AND HENRY

SEP 5 CUMBERLAND (KY)
SEP 12 @ WASH. & LEE
SEP 19 BRIDGEWATER (VA)
SEP 26 @ DAVIDSON
OCT 3 @ MILLSAPS
OCT 10 @ HAMPOEN-SYDNEY
OCT 17 RANDOLPH MACON
OCT 24 @ FERRIS
NOV 14 MARYVILLE (TN)

EMPORIA STATE

SEP 5 FORT HAYS ST.
SEP 12 MO. SOUTHERN ST.
SEP 19 @ MO. WESTERN ST.
SEP 26 @ NE MISSOURI ST.
OCT 3 @ CENTRAL MO. ST.
OCT 10 @ WASHBURN
OCT 17 MISSOURI-ROLLA
OCT 24 @ SW BAPTIST
OCT 31 PITTSBURGH ST.
NOV 7 @ NW MISSOURI ST.

EUREKA

SEP 5 @ MACMURRAY
SEP 12 @ MONMOUTH (IL)
SEP 19 @ NORTH CENTRAL
SEP 26 @ DUBUQUE
OCT 3 @ QUINCY
OCT 10 @ CONCORDIA (IL)
OCT 17 @ LAKELAND
OCT 24 @ KENTUCKY WESLEYAN
OCT 31 @ CONCORDIA (WI)
NOV 7 GREENVILLE

EVANSVILLE

SEP 12 FRANKLIN
SEP 19 @ KENTUCKY WESLEYAN
SEP 26 @ ROSE-HULMAN
OCT 3 ADRIAN
OCT 10 @ LAMBUTH
OCT 17 TUSCULUM
OCT 31 @ DAYTON
NOV 7 @ CUMBERLAND (TN)
NOV 14 DRAKE

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON-MADISON

SEP 12 JENNET CITY ST.
SEP 19 @ JOHNS HOPKINS
OCT 3 @ ST. JOHN'S (NY)
OCT 10 TRENTON ST.
OCT 17 @ FRANK & MARSH
OCT 24 @ URSINUS
OCT 31 @ UPSALA
NOV 7 @ MARIST
NOV 13 IONA

FAYETTEVILLE STATE

SEP 5 @ CARSON-NEWMAN
SEP 12 @ ELIZABETH CITY ST.
SEP 19 @ NORFOLK ST.
SEP 26 @ WINSTON-SALEM
OCT 10 @ N.C. CENTRAL
OCT 17 @ VIRGINIA ST.
OCT 24 @ JOHNSON SMITH
NOV 7 LIVINGSTONE
NOV 14 @ NEWBERRY

FERRIS STATE

SEP 5 NORTHWOOD @ AUBURN

SEP 12 @ ASHLAND
SEP 19 HILLSDALE
SEP 26 @ WAYNE ST. (MI)
OCT 3 @ N. MICHIGAN
OCT 10 @ VALPARAISO
OCT 17 @ GRAND VALLEY ST.
OCT 24 BUTLER
OCT 31 @ INDIANAPOLIS
NOV 7 @ SAGINAW VALLEY
NOV 14 ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)

FERRIS

SEP 5 @ CORTLAND ST.
SEP 12 @ RAMAPO
SEP 19 @ W. CAROLINA
OCT 3 WESTMINSTER (PA)
OCT 10 @ QUILFORD
OCT 17 @ NEWPORT NEWS APP
OCT 24 ALA.-BIRMINGHAM
OCT 31 @ MANSFIELD
NOV 7 EMORY & HENRY
NOV 21 @ METHODIST

FITCHBURG STATE

SEP 12 @ W. NEW ENGLAND
SEP 19 FRAMINGHAM ST.
SEP 26 @ WESTFIELD ST.
OCT 3 BRIDGEWATER (MA)
OCT 10 @ WORCESTER ST.
OCT 17 MASS. MARITIME
OCT 24 @ MASS. DARTMOUTH
OCT 31 MAINE MARITIME
NOV 7 @ MASS.-BOSTON

FLORIDA

SEP 12 KENTUCKY
SEP 19 @ TENNESSEE
OCT 1 @ MISSISSIPPI ST.
OCT 10 @ LOUISIANA ST.
OCT 17 AUBURN
OCT 24 LOUISVILLE
OCT 31 GEORGIA @ JACKSONVILLE
NOV 7 S. MISSISSIPPI
NOV 14 S. CAROLINA
NOV 21 @ VANDERBILT
NOV 28 @ FLORIDA ST.

FLORIDA A&M

SEP 5 @ GEORGIA SOUTHERN
SEP 12 S. CAROLINA ST.
SEP 19 @ MIAMI (FL)
SEP 26 TENNESSEE ST. @ ATLANTA
OCT 3 HOWARD
OCT 10 @ N. CAROLINA A&T @ INDIANA
OCT 17 @ DELAWARE ST.
OCT 31 MORGAN ST.
NOV 7 @ SOUTHERN-B.R.
NOV 14 @ GRANDSLIP
NOV 28 BETHUNE-COBBIN @ TAMPA

FLORIDA STATE

SEP 5 @ DUKE
SEP 12 @ CLEMSON
SEP 19 @ N. CAROLINA ST.
SEP 26 WAKE FOREST
OCT 3 @ MIAMI (FL)
OCT 10 @ GEORGIA TECH
OCT 17 @ VIRGINIA
OCT 31 MARYLAND
NOV 7 @ TULANE
NOV 28 FLORIDA

FORDHAM

SEP 12 @ LEHIGH
SEP 19 @ COLGATE
SEP 26 @ COLUMBIA
OCT 3 @ PENNSYLVANIA
OCT 10 @ YALE
OCT 17 @ HOFSTRA
OCT 24 LAFAYETTE
OCT 31 @ BUCKNELL
NOV 14 @ VILLANOVA
NOV 21 @ HOLY CROSS

FORT HAYS STATE

SEP 5 @ EMPORIA ST.
SEP 12 CENTRAL OKLA.
SEP 19 CENTRAL ARKANSAS
SEP 26 @ NEB.-KEARNEY
OCT 3 @ NEW MEX. HIGHLANDS
OCT 10 @ MESA ST.
OCT 17 ADAMS ST.
OCT 24 COLORADO MINES
OCT 31 @ CHADRON ST.
NOV 7 @ WESTERN ST.
NOV 14 FORT LEWIS



TOYOTA

FORT LEWIS

SEP. 12 W TEXAS ST.
SEP. 19 MONTANA TECH
SEP. 26 W. NEW MEXICO
OCT. 3 MESA ST
OCT. 10 WESTERN ST
OCT. 17 NEW MEX. HIGHLANDS
OCT. 24 ADAMS ST
OCT. 31 COLORADO MINES
NOV. 7 CHADRON ST
NOV. 14 FORT HAYS ST

FORT VALLEY STATE

SEP. 5 CENTRAL ST (OH)
SEP. 12 MOREHOUSE
SEP. 19 VALDOSTA ST @ MACON
SEP. 26 MORRIS BROWN @ MACON
OCT. 3 CLARK ATLANTA @ FT. LAUDERDALE
OCT. 10 N. ALABAMA
OCT. 17 MILES
OCT. 24 ALABAMA A&M
OCT. 31 TUSKEGEE
NOV. 7 SAVANNAH ST
NOV. 14 ALBANY ST (GA)

FARMINGHAM STATE

SEP. 19 FITCHBURG ST
SEP. 26 CURRY
OCT. 3 WESTFIELD ST.
OCT. 10 BRIDGEWATER (MA)
OCT. 17 WORCESTER ST.
OCT. 24 MASS. MARITIME
OCT. 31 MASS.-DARTMOUTH
NOV. 7 MAINE MARITIME
NOV. 14 MASS.-BOSTON

FRANKLIN

SEP. 12 EVANSVILLE
SEP. 19 ALMA
SEP. 26 THOMAS MORE
OCT. 3 ANDERSON
OCT. 10 WABASH
OCT. 17 ROSE-HULMAN
OCT. 24 TAYLOR
OCT. 31 MANCHESTER
NOV. 7 DEPAJW
NOV. 14 HANOVER

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL

SEP. 12 MORAVIAN
SEP. 19 URSLINUS
SEP. 26 MUEHLBERG
OCT. 3 GEORGETOWN
OCT. 10 DICKINSON
OCT. 17 FDU-MADISON
OCT. 24 W MARYLAND
OCT. 31 SWARTHMORE
NOV. 7 JOHNS HOPKINS
NOV. 14 GETTYSBURG

FRESNO STATE

SEP. 5 PACIFIC (CA)
SEP. 12 OREGON ST.
SEP. 19 COLORADO ST
SEP. 26 WASHINGTON ST
OCT. 3 LOUISIANA TECH
OCT. 10 BRIGHAM YOUNG
OCT. 17 HAWAII
OCT. 24 NEW MEXICO
OCT. 31 WYOMING
NOV. 7 UTAH
NOV. 21 SAN DIEGO ST
NOV. 28 UTEP

FROSTBURG STATE

SEP. 12 LYCOMING
SEP. 19 THIEL
SEP. 26 SALISBURY ST
OCT. 3 WESLEY
OCT. 10 GENEVA
OCT. 17 CANISIUS
OCT. 24 BRIDGEWATER (VA)
OCT. 31 BROCKPORT ST
NOV. 7 WAYNESBURG
NOV. 14 METHODIST

CAL STATE FULLERTON

SEP. 5 CAL ST. NORTHRIDGE
SEP. 12 UCLA
SEP. 19 GEORGIA
SEP. 26 CAL ST. SACRAMENTO
OCT. 3 NEVADA

OCT. 10 SAN JOSE ST
OCT. 17 SW LOUISIANA
OCT. 31 UTAH ST.
NOV. 7 PACIFIC (CA)
NOV. 14 NEW MEXICO ST.
NOV. 28 NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

FINLAND

SEP. 5 LIBERTY
SEP. 12 N. CAROLINA
SEP. 19 PRESBYTERIAN
SEP. 26 GEORGIA SOUTHERN
OCT. 3 VA. MILITARY
OCT. 10 MARSHALL
OCT. 24 APPALACHIAN ST
OCT. 31 E. TENNESSEE ST
NOV. 7 W. CAROLINA
NOV. 14 TENN.-CHAAT.
NOV. 24 CITADEL

GALLAUDET

SEP. 12 ALA.-BIRMINGHAM
SEP. 19 GEORGETOWN
SEP. 26 STEVENS TECH
OCT. 3 ST. FRANCIS (PA)
OCT. 10 WESLEY
OCT. 17 CATHOLIC
OCT. 24 ST. PETER'S
OCT. 31 NEWPORT NEWS APP
NOV. 7 ST. JOHN FISHER

GANNON

SEP. 5 ST. FRANCIS (PA)
SEP. 12 WAYNESBURG
SEP. 19 MERCYHURST
OCT. 3 DUQUESNE
OCT. 10 LIU-C W. POST
OCT. 17 WASH. & JEFF
OCT. 24 BETHANY (W VA)
OCT. 31 THIEL
NOV. 7 GROVE CITY
NOV. 14 BUFFALO ST

GARDNER-WEBB

SEP. 5 CENTRAL FLORIDA
SEP. 12 CHARLESTON SO.
SEP. 19 NEWBERRY
SEP. 26 LEES-MCRAE
OCT. 3 WINGATE
OCT. 10 LENOIR-RHYNE
OCT. 17 CATAWBA
OCT. 24 CARSON-NEWMAN
OCT. 31 EL ON
NOV. 7 PRESBYTERIAN
NOV. 14 MARS HILL

GEORGETOWN

SEP. 12 URSLINUS
SEP. 19 GALLAUDET
SEP. 26 DICKINSON
OCT. 3 FRANK & MARSH.
OCT. 10 ST. PETER'S
OCT. 17 SWARTHMORE
OCT. 24 JOHNS HOPKINS
OCT. 31 CATHOLIC
NOV. 7 ST. JOHN'S (NY)
NOV. 14 WASH. & LEE

GEORGIA

SEP. 5 S. CAROLINA
SEP. 12 TENNESSEE
SEP. 19 CAL ST. FULLERTON
SEP. 26 MISSISSIPPI
OCT. 3 ARKANSAS
OCT. 10 GEORGIA SOUTHERN
OCT. 17 VANDERBILT
OCT. 24 KENTUCKY
OCT. 31 FLORIDA @ JACKSONVILLE
NOV. 14 AUBURN
NOV. 28 GEORGIA TECH

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

SEP. 5 FLORIDA A&M
SEP. 12 VALDOSTA ST.
SEP. 19 SAVANNAH ST
SEP. 26 FURMAN
OCT. 3 GEORGIA
OCT. 10 JAMES MADISON
OCT. 24 JACKSONVILLE ST
OCT. 31 MIDDLE TENN. ST
NOV. 7 MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
NOV. 14 TROY ST.
NOV. 21 YOUNGSTOWN ST

GEORGIA TECH

SEP. 12 W. CAROLINA
SEP. 19 VIRGINIA
SEP. 26 CLEMSON
OCT. 3 N. CAROLINA ST
OCT. 10 MARYLAND
OCT. 17 FLORIDA ST
OCT. 24 N. CAROLINA
OCT. 31 DUKE
NOV. 7 BAYLOR
NOV. 14 WAKE FOREST
NOV. 28 GEORGIA

GETTYSBURG

SEP. 12 WIDENER
SEP. 19 W. MARYLAND
SEP. 26 SWARTHMORE
OCT. 2 JOHNS HOPKINS
OCT. 10 STONY BROOK
OCT. 17 URSLINUS
OCT. 24 MUEHLBERG
OCT. 31 UNION (NY)
NOV. 7 DICKINSON
NOV. 14 FRANK & MARSH.

GLASSBORO STATE

SEP. 12 NEWPORT NEWS APP
SEP. 19 CENTRAL CONN. ST
SEP. 26 JERSEY CITY ST
OCT. 3 TRENTON ST
OCT. 10 SALISBURY ST
OCT. 17 RAMAPO
OCT. 23 WAGNER
OCT. 31 KEAN
NOV. 7 WM. PATERSON
NOV. 14 MONTCLAIR ST

GRAMBLING

SEP. 5 ALCORN ST @ SHREVEPORT
SEP. 12 VIRGINIA UNION
SEP. 19 TENNESSEE ST.
OCT. 3 PRAIRIE VIEW @ DALLAS
OCT. 17 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
OCT. 24 JACKSON ST
OCT. 31 TEXAS SOUTHERN
NOV. 7 ALABAMA ST
NOV. 14 FLORIDA A&M
NOV. 28 SOUTHERN-B.L. @ NEW ORLEANS

GRAND VALLEY STATE

SEP. 5 ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)
SEP. 12 INDIANA (PA)
SEP. 19 BUTLER
SEP. 26 INDIANAPOLIS
OCT. 3 SAGINAW VALLEY
OCT. 10 N. MICHIGAN
OCT. 17 FERRIS ST
OCT. 24 ASHLAND
OCT. 31 HILLSDALE
NOV. 7 WAYNE ST (MI)
NOV. 14 VALPARAISO

GRINNELL

SEP. 12 COLORADO COLLEGE
SEP. 19 PRINCIPIA
SEP. 26 LAKE FOREST
OCT. 3 ST. NORBERT
OCT. 10 COE
OCT. 17 KNOX
OCT. 24 CORNELL COLLEGE
OCT. 31 MONMOUTH (IL)
NOV. 7 ILLINOIS COLLEGE

GROVE CITY

SEP. 12 DUQUESNE
SEP. 26 WAYNESBURG
OCT. 3 BLUFFTON
OCT. 10 BETHANY (W VA)
OCT. 17 THIEL
OCT. 24 WASH. & JEFF
OCT. 31 CARNEGIE MELLON
NOV. 7 GANNON
NOV. 14 OBERLIN

GUILFORD

SEP. 5 DAVIDSON
SEP. 12 METHODIST
SEP. 19 HAMPDEN-SYDNEY
SEP. 26 CHARLESTON SO.
OCT. 3 SALISBURY ST
OCT. 10 FERRUM
OCT. 17 BRIDGEWATER (VA)

OCT. 24 EMORY & HENRY
OCT. 31 RANDOLPH-MACON
NOV. 7 WASH. & LEE

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS

SEP. 12 AUGUSTANA (SD)
SEP. 19 CONCORDIA-M'HEAD
SEP. 26 AUGSBURG
OCT. 3 ST. JOHN S (MN)
OCT. 10 ST. OLAF
OCT. 17 HAMLINE
OCT. 24 BETHEL (MN)
OCT. 31 ST. THOMAS (MN)
NOV. 7 MACALESTER
NOV. 14 CARLETON @ M'NEAPOLIS

HAMILTON

SEP. 26 AMHERST
OCT. 3 WESLEYAN
OCT. 10 TRINITY (CT)
OCT. 17 BOWDOIN
OCT. 24 COLBY
OCT. 31 WILLIAMS
NOV. 7 MIDDLEBURY
NOV. 14 BATES

HAMLINE

SEP. 12 MT. SENARIO
SEP. 19 CARLETON
SEP. 26 CONCORDIA-M'HEAD
OCT. 3 AUGSBURG
OCT. 10 ST. JOHN'S (MN)
OCT. 17 GUST ADOLPHUS
OCT. 24 ST. OLAF
OCT. 31 BETHEL (MN)
NOV. 7 ST. THOMAS (MN)
NOV. 14 MANCHESTER @ MINNEAPOLIS

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

SEP. 12 CENTRE
SEP. 19 GUILFORD
SEP. 26 UNION (KY)
OCT. 3 BRIDGEWATER (VA)
OCT. 10 EMORY & HENRY
OCT. 17 WASH. & LEE
OCT. 24 WESLEY
OCT. 31 DAVIDSON
NOV. 7 METHODIST
NOV. 14 RANDOLPH MACON

HAMPTON

SEP. 5 JOHNSON SMITH
SEP. 12 BOWIE ST.
SEP. 19 VIRGINIA UNION
OCT. 3 MOREHOUSE
OCT. 10 VIRGINIA ST
OCT. 17 NORFOLK ST.
OCT. 24 TUSKEGEE
OCT. 31 ELIZABETH CITY ST.
NOV. 7 WINSTON-SALEM
NOV. 14 N.C. CENTRAL

HANOVER

SEP. 5 DEFIANCE
SEP. 12 THOMAS MORE
SEP. 19 BLUFFTON
OCT. 3 DEPAUW
OCT. 10 ANDERSON
OCT. 17 WABASH
OCT. 24 ROSE-HULMAN
OCT. 31 TAYLOR
NOV. 7 MANCHESTER
NOV. 14 FRANKLIN

HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

SEP. 12 PANHANDLE ST.
SEP. 19 SUL ROSS ST.
SEP. 26 MILLSAPS
OCT. 3 HOWARD PAYNE
OCT. 10 MCMURRY
OCT. 17 TAYLOR ST.
OCT. 24 SUL ROSS ST.
OCT. 31 COLORADO COLLEGE
NOV. 7 MIDWESTERN ST
NOV. 14 AUSTIN

HARVARD

SEP. 10 COLUMBIA
SEP. 26 WILLIAM & MARY
OCT. 3 HOLY CROSS
OCT. 10 CORNELL
OCT. 17 LAFAYETTE
OCT. 24 PRINCETON

OCT. 31 DARTMOUTH
NOV. 7 BROWN
NOV. 14 PENNSYLVANIA
NOV. 21 YALE

HAWAII

SEP. 5 OREGON
SEP. 12 AIR FORCE
SEP. 26 BRIGHAM YOUNG
OCT. 10 UTAH
OCT. 17 FRESNO ST
OCT. 24 NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
OCT. 31 UTEP
NOV. 7 COLORADO ST
NOV. 14 SAN DIEGO ST
NOV. 21 WYOMING
NOV. 28 TULSA
DEC. 5 PITTSBURGH

CAL STATE HAYWARD

SEP. 5 SAN DIEGO
SEP. 12 ST. MARY'S (CA)
SEP. 19 AZUSA-PACIFIC
OCT. 3 REDLANDS
OCT. 17 CAL ST. CHICO
OCT. 24 SONOMA ST.
OCT. 31 SAN FRAN. ST.
NOV. 7 HUMBOLDT ST
NOV. 14 UC DAVIS

HEIDELBERG

SEP. 12 OLIVET
SEP. 19 UTTERBERG @ FRANKFURT, GERMANY
SEP. 26 JOHN CARROLL
OCT. 3 MUSKINGUM
OCT. 10 CAPITAL
OCT. 17 MOUNT UNION
OCT. 24 HIRAM
OCT. 31 BALDWIN-WALLACE
NOV. 7 MARIETTA
NOV. 14 OHIO NORTHERN

HENDERSON STATE

SEP. 5 ANGELO ST
SEP. 12 EAST CENTRAL (OK)
SEP. 19 DELTA ST
SEP. 26 MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
OCT. 3 NE OKLAHOMA
OCT. 10 S. ARKANSAS
OCT. 17 ARKANSAS TECH
OCT. 24 CENTRAL ARK.
OCT. 31 QUACHITA BAPT.
NOV. 7 HARDING
NOV. 12 ARK.-MONTICELLO

HILLSDALE

SEP. 5 SAGINAW VALLEY
SEP. 12 VALPARAISO
SEP. 19 FERRIS ST
SEP. 26 ASHLAND
OCT. 3 NORTHWOOD
OCT. 10 INDIANAPOLIS
OCT. 17 N. MICHIGAN
OCT. 24 ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)
OCT. 31 GRAND VALLEY ST
NOV. 7 BUTLER
NOV. 14 WAYNE ST (MI)

HIRAM

SEP. 12 WASH. & JEFF
SEP. 19 BALDWIN-WALLACE
SEP. 26 CAPITAL
OCT. 3 OTTERBEIN
OCT. 10 MARIETTA
OCT. 17 OHIO NORTHERN
OCT. 24 HEIDELBERG
OCT. 31 MUSKINGUM
NOV. 7 JOHN CARROLL
NOV. 14 MOUNT UNION

HOBART

SEP. 12 DICKINSON
SEP. 19 ST. JOHN FISHER
SEP. 26 UNION (NY)
OCT. 3 ST. LAWRENCE
OCT. 10 ROCHESTER
OCT. 17 ALFRED
OCT. 24 CANISIUS
OCT. 31 PACE
NOV. 7 BUFFALO ST
NOV. 14 RENSSELAER

HOFSTRA

SEP. 5 CENTRAL CONN. ST.
SEP. 12 @ LAFAYETTE
SEP. 19 @ JAMES MADISON
SEP. 26 @ TOWSON ST.
OCT. 2 RHODE ISLAND
OCT. 9 S. CONNECTICUT ST.
OCT. 16 FORDHAM
OCT. 24 @ BUFFALO
NOV. 7 DAYTON
NOV. 14 @ MONTANA

HOLY CROSS

SEP. 12 @ ARMY
SEP. 19 MASSACHUSETTS
SEP. 26 @ YALE
OCT. 3 HARVARD
OCT. 10 DARTMOUTH
OCT. 17 PRINCETON
OCT. 24 BUCKNELL
OCT. 31 LEHIGH
NOV. 7 @ LAFAYETTE
NOV. 14 @ COLGATE
NOV. 21 FORDHAM

HOPE

SEP. 12 DEPAUW
SEP. 19 @ ILL. WESLEYAN
SEP. 26 WABASH
OCT. 3 @ TRINITY (IL)
OCT. 10 @ ALMA
OCT. 17 @ ALBION
OCT. 24 ADRIAN
OCT. 31 @ KALAMAZOO
NOV. 7 OLIVET

HOUSTON

SEP. 5 @ TULSA
SEP. 19 ILLINOIS
SEP. 26 @ MICHIGAN
OCT. 3 SW LOUISIANA
OCT. 17 @ BAYLOR
OCT. 24 @ TEXAS
OCT. 31 TEXAS CHRISTIAN
NOV. 7 @ SMU
NOV. 12 TEXAS A&M
NOV. 21 @ TEXAS TECH
NOV. 28 RICE

HOWARD

SEP. 5 @ MOREHOUSE
SEP. 12 ALABAMA A&M @ LOS ANGELES
SEP. 19 CHEYNEY @ PENNSYLVANIA
SEP. 26 ALCORN ST.
OCT. 3 @ FLORIDA A&M
OCT. 10 BETHUNE-COOKMAN
OCT. 24 N. CAROLINA A&T
OCT. 31 @ BOWIE ST.
NOV. 7 @ S. CAROLINA ST.
NOV. 14 MORGAN ST.
NOV. 21 DELAWARE ST.

HUMBOLDT ST.

SEP. 5 @ AZUSA-PACIFIC
SEP. 12 W. MONTANA
SEP. 19 @ ST. MARY'S (CA)
SEP. 26 @ S. OREGON
OCT. 3 SANTA CLARA
OCT. 10 WHITWORTH
OCT. 17 @ SAN FRAN. ST.
OCT. 24 UC DAVIS
OCT. 31 @ SONOMA ST.
NOV. 7 CAL ST. HAYWARD
NOV. 14 CAL ST. CHICO

IDAHO

SEP. 5 ST. CLOUD ST.
SEP. 12 @ COLORADO ST.
SEP. 19 WEBER ST.
OCT. 3 CAL ST. NORTHBRIDGE
OCT. 10 IDAHO ST.
OCT. 17 @ E. WASHINGTON
OCT. 24 @ N. IOWA
OCT. 31 N. ARIZONA
NOV. 7 @ MONTANA
NOV. 14 MONTANA ST.
NOV. 21 @ BOISE ST.

IDAHO STATE

SEP. 5 MESA ST.
SEP. 12 BOISE ST.
SEP. 19 N. IOWA
SEP. 26 @ N. ARIZONA
OCT. 3 CENTRAL WASH.
OCT. 10 @ IDAHO
OCT. 17 @ MONTANA ST.
OCT. 24 @ WEBER ST.
OCT. 31 E. WASHINGTON
NOV. 14 S. UTAH
NOV. 21 MONTANA

ILLINOIS

SEP. 5 N. ILLINOIS
SEP. 12 MISSOURI
SEP. 19 @ HOUSTON
OCT. 3 @ MINNESOTA
OCT. 10 @ OHIO ST.
OCT. 17 IOWA

OCT. 24 NORTHWESTERN
OCT. 31 @ WISCONSIN
NOV. 7 PURDUE
NOV. 14 @ MICHIGAN
NOV. 21 MICHIGAN ST.

ILLINOIS BENEDICTINE

SEP. 5 @ LORAS
SEP. 12 MILLIKIN
SEP. 19 @ ELMHURST
SEP. 26 CARTHAGE
OCT. 3 ALMA
OCT. 10 @ QUINCY
OCT. 17 OLIVET NAZARENE
OCT. 24 @ AURORA
OCT. 31 @ ORAKE
NOV. 7 @ TRINITY (IL)

ILLINOIS COLLEGE

SEP. 12 @ PRINCIPIA
SEP. 19 BLACKBURN
SEP. 26 CARROLL (WI)
OCT. 3 @ LAWRENCE
OCT. 10 @ MONMOUTH (IL)
OCT. 17 COE
OCT. 24 KNOX
OCT. 31 @ CORNELL COLLEGE
NOV. 7 GRINNELL

ILLINOIS STATE

SEP. 5 SOUTHWEST ST. (MN)
SEP. 12 @ N. ILLINOIS
SEP. 19 @ INDIANA ST.
SEP. 26 E. ILLINOIS
OCT. 3 @ N. IOWA
OCT. 10 @ YOUNGSTOWN ST.
OCT. 17 SW MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 24 S. ILLINOIS
OCT. 31 @ W. ILLINOIS
NOV. 7 W. KENTUCKY
NOV. 14 @ SE MISSOURI ST.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

SEP. 19 HOPE
SEP. 26 @ ADRIAN
OCT. 3 NORTH CENTRAL
OCT. 10 @ WHEATON (IL)
OCT. 17 AUGUSTA (IL)
OCT. 24 CARTHAGE
OCT. 31 @ ELMHURST
NOV. 7 MILLIKIN
NOV. 14 @ NORTH PARK

INDIANA

SEP. 12 MIAMI (OH)
SEP. 19 @ KENTUCKY
SEP. 26 MISSOURI
OCT. 3 @ MICHIGAN ST.
OCT. 10 @ NORTHWESTERN
OCT. 17 MICHIGAN
OCT. 24 WISCONSIN
OCT. 31 @ MINNESOTA
NOV. 7 IOWA
NOV. 14 OHIO ST.
NOV. 21 PURDUE

INDIANA (PENNSYLVANIA)

SEP. 12 @ GRANT VALLEY ST.
SEP. 19 E. STROUDSBURG
OCT. 3 LOCK HAVEN
OCT. 10 @ SHIPPENSBURG
OCT. 17 CALIFORNIA (PA)
OCT. 24 @ SLIPPERY ROCK
OCT. 31 TOWSON ST.
NOV. 7 EDINBORO
NOV. 14 @ CLARION

INDIANAPOLIS

SEP. 5 @ WAYNE ST. (MI)
SEP. 12 N. MICHIGAN
SEP. 19 @ ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)
SEP. 26 GRAND VALLEY ST.
OCT. 3 @ BUTLER
OCT. 10 HILLSDALE
OCT. 17 SAGINAW VALLEY
OCT. 24 @ VALPARAISO
OCT. 31 FERRIS ST.
NOV. 7 @ ASHLAND

INDIANA STATE

SEP. 5 @ OKLAHOMA ST.
SEP. 12 @ W. KENTUCKY
SEP. 19 @ ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)
SEP. 26 GRAND VALLEY ST.
OCT. 3 @ BUTLER
OCT. 10 HILLSDALE
OCT. 17 SAGINAW VALLEY
OCT. 24 @ VALPARAISO
OCT. 31 FERRIS ST.
NOV. 7 @ ASHLAND

IOWA

SEP. 12 ST. JOHN'S (NY)
SEP. 19 @ SIENA
SEP. 26 CATHOLIC
OCT. 3 @ MARIST

OCT. 10 WAGNER
OCT. 17 @ LIU-C.W. POST
OCT. 24 @ PACE
OCT. 31 SACRED HEART
NOV. 7 @ MERCHANT MARINE
NOV. 13 @ FDU-MADISON

IOWA

AUG. 29 N. CAROLINA ST. @ E. RUTHERFORD
SEP. 5 MIAMI (FL)
SEP. 12 IOWA ST.
SEP. 26 @ COLORADO
OCT. 3 @ MICHIGAN
OCT. 10 WISCONSIN
OCT. 17 @ ILLINOIS
OCT. 24 PURDUE
OCT. 31 OHIO ST.
NOV. 7 @ INDIANA
NOV. 14 NORTHWESTERN
NOV. 21 @ MINNESOTA

IOWA STATE

SEP. 5 OHIO
SEP. 12 @ IOWA
SEP. 19 TULANE
SEP. 26 N. IOWA
OCT. 3 @ OKLAHOMA
OCT. 17 KANSAS
OCT. 24 @ OKLAHOMA ST.
OCT. 31 MISSOURI
NOV. 7 KANSAS ST.
NOV. 14 NEBRASKA
NOV. 21 @ COLORADO

ITHACA

SEP. 12 @ ALBANY (NY)
SEP. 19 MONTCLAIR ST.
SEP. 26 ALFRED
OCT. 3 SPRINGFIELD
OCT. 10 @ AMER. CAN. INT'L
OCT. 17 @ ST. LAWRENCE
OCT. 24 BUFFALO ST.
OCT. 31 MERCYHURST
NOV. 7 @ CORTLAND ST.
NOV. 14 WASH. & JEFF.

JACKSON STATE

SEP. 5 TUSKEGEE
SEP. 12 TENNESSEE ST. @ MEMPHIS
SEP. 19 @ STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
SEP. 26 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
OCT. 3 @ CAROLINA ST. @ COLUMBIA
OCT. 10 @ ALABAMA ST.
OCT. 17 @ SOUTHERN-B.R.
OCT. 24 @ GRAMBLING
NOV. 7 TEXAS SOUTHERN
NOV. 14 PRAIRIE VIEW
NOV. 21 @ ALCORN ST.

JACKSONVILLE STATE

SEP. 5 ALABAMA A&M @ MOBILE
SEP. 12 @ W. GEORGIA
SEP. 26 VALDOSTA ST.
OCT. 3 @ MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
OCT. 10 DELTA ST.
OCT. 17 @ N. ALABAMA
OCT. 24 @ GEORGIA SOUTHERN
OCT. 31 ALCORN ST.
NOV. 7 LIVINGSTONE
NOV. 14 KENTUCKY ST.

JAMES MADISON

SEP. 5 @ VIRGINIA TECH
SEP. 12 @ RICHMOND
SEP. 19 @ HOFSTRA
SEP. 26 @ YOUNGSTOWN ST.
OCT. 3 NORTHEASTERN
OCT. 10 APPALACHIAN ST.
OCT. 17 @ GEORGIA SOUTHERN
OCT. 24 TOWSON ST.
OCT. 31 @ WILLIAM & MARY
NOV. 7 LIBERTY
NOV. 14 @ CENTRAL FLORIDA

JERSEY CITY STATE

SEP. 12 BROCKPORT ST.
SEP. 19 @ FDU-MADISON
SEP. 26 @ GLASSBORO ST.
OCT. 3 UPSALA
OCT. 10 @ RAMAPO
OCT. 17 KEAN
OCT. 24 @ TRENTON ST.
OCT. 30 @ WM. PATERSON
NOV. 7 MONTCLAIR ST.
NOV. 14 @ ST. PETER'S

JOHN CARROLL

SEP. 12 @ ALMA
SEP. 19 @ CAPITAL
SEP. 26 HEIDELBERG
OCT. 3 @ OHIO NORTHERN
OCT. 10 MOUNT UNION
OCT. 17 MUSKINGUM
OCT. 24 @ OTTERBEIN
OCT. 31 MARIETTA
NOV. 7 HIRAM
NOV. 14 @ BALDWIN-WALLACE

JOHNS HOPKINS

SEP. 12 @ LEBANON VALLEY
SEP. 19 @ SWARTHMORE
SEP. 26 FDU-MADISON
OCT. 2 GETTYSBURG
OCT. 10 @ URS. NUS
OCT. 17 MUHLBERG
OCT. 24 @ GEORGETOWN
OCT. 31 DICKINSON
NOV. 7 @ FRANK. & MARSH.
NOV. 14 W. MARYLAND

JOHNSON C. SMITH

SEP. 5 @ HAMPTON
SEP. 12 NORFOLK ST.
SEP. 19 MOREHOUSE
SEP. 26 @ MORGAN ST.
OCT. 3 WINSTON-SALEM
OCT. 10 GLENVILLE ST.
OCT. 17 @ LIVINGSTONE
OCT. 24 FAYETTEVILLE ST.
OCT. 31 @ MORRIS BROWN
NOV. 7 @ N.C. CENTRAL

JUNIATA

SEP. 5 @ CARNEGIE MELLON
SEP. 19 @ DELAWARE VALLEY
SEP. 26 @ RANDOLPH-MACON
OCT. 3 WIDENER
OCT. 10 @ MORAVIAN
OCT. 17 @ LYCOMING
OCT. 24 ALBRIGHT
OCT. 31 SUSQUEHANNA
NOV. 7 @ WILKES
NOV. 14 LEBANON VALLEY

KALAMAZOO

SEP. 12 @ WOOSTER
SEP. 19 CARROLL (WI)
SEP. 26 CHICAGO
OCT. 3 @ DEFIANCE
OCT. 10 @ ALBION
OCT. 17 OLIVET
OCT. 24 @ ALMA
OCT. 31 HOPE
NOV. 7 ADRIAN

KANSAS

SEP. 5 @ OREGON ST.
SEP. 12 BALL ST.
SEP. 19 @ TULSA
SEP. 26 CALIFORNIA
OCT. 10 KANSAS ST.
OCT. 17 @ IOWA ST.
OCT. 24 OKLAHOMA
OCT. 31 OKLAHOMA ST.
NOV. 7 NEBRASKA
NOV. 14 COLORADO
NOV. 21 MISSOURI

KANSAS STATE

SEP. 19 MONTANA
SEP. 26 TEMPLE
OCT. 3 NEW MEXICO ST.
OCT. 10 @ KANSAS
OCT. 17 @ UTAH ST.
OCT. 24 @ COLORADO
OCT. 31 @ OKLAHOMA
NOV. 7 IOWA ST.
NOV. 14 @ MISSOURI
NOV. 21 @ OKLAHOMA ST.
DEC. 6 NEBRASKA @ TOKYO JAPAN

KEAN

SEP. 12 BRIDGWATER (MA)
SEP. 19 UPSALA
SEP. 26 RAMAPO
OCT. 3 @ WM. PATERSON
OCT. 10 MONTCLAIR ST.
OCT. 17 @ JERSEY CITY ST.
OCT. 31 GLASSBORO ST.
NOV. 7 @ TRENTON ST.
NOV. 14 @ SALISBURY ST.

NEBRASKA-KEARNEY

SEP. 3 AUGUSTANA (SD)
SEP. 12 @ NEB.-OMAHA
SEP. 19 @ MOORHEAD ST.
SEP. 26 FORT HAYS ST.
OCT. 3 @ WAYNE ST. (NE)
OCT. 10 @ PORTLAND ST.
OCT. 17 @ ST. FRANCIS (IL)
OCT. 24 @ MESA ST.
OCT. 31 @ NORTHEAST ST. (SD)
NOV. 14 @ BEM. DJI ST. @ MINNEAPOLIS

KENT

SEP. 5 @ PITTSBURGH
SEP. 12 OHIO
SEP. 19 BALL ST.
SEP. 26 @ E. MICHIGAN
OCT. 3 @ CINCINNATI
OCT. 10 AKRON
OCT. 17 @ CENTRAL MICHIGAN
OCT. 24 W. MICHIGAN
OCT. 31 @ TOLEDO
NOV. 7 BOWLING GREEN
NOV. 14 @ MIAMI (OH)

KENTUCKY

SEP. 5 CENTRAL MICHIGAN
SEP. 12 @ FLORIDA
SEP. 19 INDIANA
SEP. 26 S. CAROLINA
OCT. 3 @ MISSISSIPPI
OCT. 10 @ LOUISIANA ST.
OCT. 17 GEORGIA
OCT. 24 @ MISSISSIPPI ST.
OCT. 31 VANDERBILT
NOV. 7 CINCINNATI
NOV. 14 @ TENNESSEE

KENTUCKY STATE

SEP. 5 FINDLAY
SEP. 12 @ WINGATE
SEP. 19 @ KNOXVILLE
SEP. 26 N. CAROLINA CENTRAL
OCT. 3 LANE
OCT. 10 @ CENTRAL ST. (OH)
OCT. 17 @ CLARK ATLANTA
OCT. 24 ST. FRANCIS (IL)
OCT. 31 @ NORFOLK ST.
NOV. 7 ELIZABETH CITY ST.
NOV. 14 @ JACKSONVILLE ST.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN

SEP. 5 @ MT. SENARIO
SEP. 12 @ TENN. WESLEYAN
SEP. 19 EVANSVILLE
SEP. 26 @ RHODES
OCT. 3 BLACKBURN
OCT. 10 LAKELAND
OCT. 17 @ PRINCIPIA
OCT. 24 EUREKA
OCT. 31 @ CENTRE
NOV. 14 SEWANEE

KENYON

SEP. 12 @ MARIETTA
SEP. 19 @ OHIO WESLEYAN
SEP. 26 EARLHAM
OCT. 3 @ WOOSTER
OCT. 10 CASE RESERVE
OCT. 17 @ ALLEGHENY
OCT. 24 WITTENBERG
OCT. 31 WAYNESBURG
NOV. 7 @ OBERLIN
NOV. 14 DENISON

KNOX

SEP. 12 ROSE-HULMAN
SEP. 19 CONCORDIA @ ST. PAUL
SEP. 26 @ BELLOIT
OCT. 3 RYAN
OCT. 10 @ CORNELL COLLEGE
OCT. 17 GRINNELL
OCT. 24 @ ILLINOIS COLLEGE
OCT. 31 COE
NOV. 7 @ MONMOUTH (IL)

KUTZTOWN

SEP. 12 @ MAINE
SEP. 19 SHIPPENSBURG
SEP. 26 @ CALIFORNIA (PA)
OCT. 3 @ MANSFIELD
OCT. 10 MILLERSVILLE
OCT. 17 @ BLOOMSBURG
OCT. 24 LOCK HAVEN
OCT. 31 WEST CHESTER

 **TOYOTA**
"I love what you do for me."

TOYOTA

NOV. 7 @ E. STROUDSBURG
NOV. 14 CHEYNEY
NOV. 21 @ LIBERTY

LAFAYETTE

SEP. 12 HOFSTRA
SEP. 19 @ BUFFALO
SEP. 26 @ PRINCETON
OCT. 3 @ CORNELL
OCT. 10 @ ARMY
OCT. 17 HAWAII
OCT. 24 @ FORDHAM
OCT. 31 @ COLGATE
NOV. 7 HOLY CROSS
NOV. 14 @ QUOKNEL
NOV. 21 LEHIGH

LAKE FOREST

SEP. 12 @ WHEATON (IL)
SEP. 19 NORTH PARK
SEP. 26 @ GRINNELL
OCT. 3 CORNELL COLLEGE
OCT. 10 ST. NORBERT
OCT. 17 @ RIPON
OCT. 24 @ CARROLL (W)
OCT. 31 LAWRENCE
NOV. 7 @ BELoit

LA VERNE

SEP. 12 SAN DIEGO
SEP. 19 @ WHITTIER
OCT. 3 POMONA-PITZER
OCT. 10 @ AZUSA-PACIFIC
OCT. 17 MENLO
OCT. 24 REDLANDS
OCT. 31 OCCIDENTAL
NOV. 7 @ CAL LUTHERAN
NOV. 14 @ CLAREMONT M-S

LAWRENCE

SEP. 12 NORTHWESTERN (W)
SEP. 19 @ CHICAGO
SEP. 26 @ MONMOUTH (NJ)
OCT. 3 ILLINOIS COLLEGE
OCT. 10 @ CARROLL (W)
OCT. 17 ST. NORBERT
OCT. 24 BELoit
OCT. 31 @ LAKE FOREST
NOV. 7 RIPON

LEBANON VALLEY

SEP. 12 JOHNS HOPKINS
SEP. 19 @ LYCOMING
SEP. 26 @ ALBRIGHT
OCT. 3 SUSQUEHANNA
OCT. 10 @ WILKES
OCT. 17 MORAVIAN
OCT. 24 @ DELAWARE VALLEY
OCT. 31 @ W. MARYLAND
NOV. 7 WIDENEN
NOV. 14 @ JUNIATA

LEHIGH

SEP. 12 FORDHAM
SEP. 19 NEW HAMPSHIRE
SEP. 26 @ CORNELL
OCT. 3 PRINCETON
OCT. 10 @ NORTHEASTERN
OCT. 17 @ BROWN
OCT. 24 COLGATE
OCT. 31 @ HOLY CROSS
NOV. 7 BUCKNELL
NOV. 14 @ WILLIAM & MARY
NOV. 21 @ LAFAYETTE

LENOIR-RHYNE

SEP. 12 NEWBERRY
SEP. 19 @ WOFFORD
SEP. 26 @ PRESBYTERIAN
OCT. 3 ELON
OCT. 10 GARDNER-WEBB
OCT. 17 @ WINGATE
OCT. 24 @ WEST LIBERTY ST.
OCT. 31 CARSON-NEWMAN
NOV. 7 MARY HILL
NOV. 14 @ CATAWBA

LIBERTY

SEP. 5 @ FURMAN
SEP. 12 MORGAN ST.
SEP. 19 CONCORD
SEP. 26 @ N. CAROLINA A&T

OCT. 3 @ TOWSON ST.
OCT. 17 TROY ST.
OCT. 24 @ N. ILLINOIS
OCT. 31 CENTRAL FLORIDA
NOV. 7 @ JAMES MADISON
NOV. 14 DELAWARE ST.
NOV. 21 KUTZTOWN

LIVINGSTON

SEP. 5 KNOXVILLE
SEP. 12 ANN-MUNJILL
SEP. 19 @ ALBANY ST. (GA)
OCT. 3 W. GEORGIA
OCT. 10 @ VALDOSTA ST.
OCT. 17 MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
OCT. 24 @ DELTA ST.
OCT. 31 N. ALABAMA
NOV. 7 @ JAGSUNVILLE ST.

LIVINGSTONE

SEP. 5 ROWEN ST.
SEP. 19 LEES MCRAE
OCT. 3 @ VIRGINIA ST.
OCT. 17 JOHNSON SMITH
OCT. 24 SAVANNAH ST.
OCT. 31 N.C. CENTRAL
NOV. 7 @ FAYETTEVILLE ST.
NOV. 14 @ WINSTON-SALEM

LOCK HAVEN

SEP. 5 MANSFIELD
SEP. 12 @ TENNESSEE TECH
SEP. 19 @ KENT
SEP. 26 @ INDIANA ST.
OCT. 3 @ INDIANA (PA)
OCT. 10 EDINBORO
OCT. 17 @ CLARION
OCT. 24 @ KUTZTOWN
OCT. 31 SHIPPENSBURG
NOV. 7 @ CALIFORNIA (PA)
NOV. 14 SLIPPERY ROCK

LORAS

SEP. 5 ILL. BENEDICTINE
SEP. 12 @ AUGUSTANA (IL)
SEP. 19 @ BUENA VISTA
SEP. 26 WILLIAM PENN.
OCT. 10 @ SIMPSON
OCT. 17 DUBUQUE
OCT. 24 @ CENTRAL (IA)
OCT. 31 LUTHER
NOV. 7 @ UPPER IOWA
NOV. 14 WARTEBURG

LOUISIANA STATE

SEP. 5 TEXAS A&M
SEP. 12 MISSISSIPPI ST.
SEP. 19 @ AUBURN
SEP. 26 COLORADO ST.
OCT. 3 @ TENNESSEE
OCT. 10 @ FLORIDA
OCT. 17 KENTUCKY
OCT. 31 MISSISSIPPI @ JACKSON
NOV. 7 ALABAMA
NOV. 21 TULANE
NOV. 28 @ ARKANSAS

LOUISIANA TECH

SEP. 5 @ DAYTON
SEP. 12 @ MICHIGAN
SEP. 19 @ S. MISSISSIPPI
SEP. 26 @ ALABAMA
OCT. 3 @ FRESNO ST.
OCT. 10 SW LOUISIANA
OCT. 17 E. TENNESSEE ST.
OCT. 31 ARKANSAS ST.
NOV. 7 @ S. CAROLINA
NOV. 14 @ MISSISSIPPI
NOV. 21 @ W. VIRGINIA

LOUISVILLE

SEP. 5 @ OHIO ST.
SEP. 12 MEMPHIS ST.
SEP. 19 @ ARIZONA ST.
SEP. 26 @ WYOMING
OCT. 3 SYRACUSE
OCT. 10 VIRGINIA TECH
OCT. 17 TULSA
OCT. 24 @ FLORIDA
OCT. 31 @ CINCINNATI
NOV. 7 @ TEXAS A&M
NOV. 14 @ PITTSBURGH

MASSACHUSETTS-LOWELL

SEP. 12 COAST GUARD
SEP. 19 NORWICH
SEP. 26 WORCESTER TECH
OCT. 3 @ PLYMOUTH ST.
OCT. 10 @ SACRED HEART
OCT. 17 SUSQUEHANNA
OCT. 24 W. CONNECTICUT ST.
NOV. 7 @ ASSUMPTION
NOV. 14 @ STONEHILL

LUTHER

SEP. 12 ST. OLAF
SEP. 19 SIMPSON
OCT. 26 @ UPPER IOWA
OCT. 3 DUBUQUE
OCT. 10 @ WARTRUB
OCT. 17 (IND) T. (IL)
OCT. 24 WILLIAM PENN.
OCT. 31 @ LORAS
NOV. 7 CENTRAL (IA)
NOV. 14 @ BUCHAN VICTA

LYCOMING

SEP. 12 @ FROSTBURG ST.
SEP. 19 @ LEBANON VALLEY
SEP. 26 DELAWARE VALLEY
OCT. 10 @ WIDENER
OCT. 17 JUNIATA
OCT. 24 MORAVIAN
OCT. 31 @ ALBRIGHT
NOV. 7 SUSQUEHANNA
NOV. 14 @ WILKES

MACALESTER

SEP. 12 HURON
SEP. 19 BETHEL (ME)
SEP. 26 @ ST. THOMAS (MN)
OCT. 3 @ ST. OLAF
OCT. 10 CARLETON
OCT. 17 @ CONCORDIA-M. HEAD
OCT. 24 AUGSBURG
OCT. 31 @ ST. JOHN'S (MN)
NOV. 7 GUST ADOLPHUS
NOV. 14 HAMLINE @ MINNEAPOLIS

MACMURRAY

SEP. 5 @ EUREKA
SEP. 12 MANCHESTER
SEP. 19 @ MONMOUTH (IL)
SEP. 26 QUINCY
OCT. 3 @ CONCORDIA (WI)
OCT. 10 GREENVILLE (IL)
OCT. 17 AURORA
OCT. 24 BLACKBURN
OCT. 31 @ CONCORDIA (IL)
NOV. 7 LAKELAND

MAINE

SEP. 5 NEW HAMPSHIRE
SEP. 12 KUTZTOWN
SEP. 19 NORTHEASTERN
OCT. 3 @ RICHMOND
OCT. 17 RHODE ISLAND
OCT. 24 @ CONNECTICUT
OCT. 31 DELAWARE
NOV. 7 BOSTON U.
NOV. 14 @ MASSACHUSETTS
NOV. 21 @ VILLANOVA

MAINE MARITIME

SEP. 19 BRIDGEWATER (MA)
SEP. 26 @ WORCESTER ST.
OCT. 3 MASS. MARITIME
OCT. 10 @ MASS. DARTMOUTH
OCT. 17 @ PLYMOUTH ST.
OCT. 24 @ MASS.-BOSTON
OCT. 31 @ FITCHBURG ST.
NOV. 7 FRAMINGHAM ST.
NOV. 14 @ WESTFIELD ST.

MANCHESTER

SEP. 5 EARLHAM
SEP. 12 @ MALDENHAT
SEP. 19 @ CLINCH VALLEY
OCT. 3 @ WABASH
OCT. 10 TAYLOR
OCT. 17 ANDERSON
OCT. 24 @ DEPAUW
OCT. 31 @ FRANKLIN
NOV. 7 HANOVER
NOV. 14 ROSE-HULMAN

MANKATO ST.

SEP. 5 @ ST. FRANCIS (IL)
SEP. 12 @ NW MISSOURI ST.
SEP. 19 N. COLORADO
SEP. 26 MORNINGSIDES
OCT. 3 @ ST. CLOUD ST.
OCT. 10 @ NEB.-OMAHA
OCT. 17 N. DAKOTA ST.
OCT. 24 @ N. DAKOTA
OCT. 31 @ S. DAKOTA
NOV. 7 @ S. DAKOTA ST.
NOV. 14 @ AUGUSTANA (SD)

MANSFIELD

SEP. 5 @ LOCK HAVEN
SEP. 12 @ BUFFALO ST.
SEP. 19 CORTLAND ST.
SEP. 26 @ BUFFALO
OCT. 2 KUTZTOWN
OCT. 9 @ WEST CHESTER
OCT. 17 E. STROUDSBURG
OCT. 24 @ CHEYNEY
OCT. 31 FERRUM
NOV. 7 MILLERSVILLE
NOV. 14 @ BLOOMSBURG

MARIETTA

SEP. 12 KENYON
SEP. 19 @ OHIO NORTHERN
SEP. 26 @ MOUNT UNION
OCT. 3 CAPITAL
OCT. 10 HIRAM
OCT. 17 @ OTTERBEIN
OCT. 24 BALDWIN-WALLACE
OCT. 31 @ JOHN CARROLL
NOV. 7 HEIDELBERG
NOV. 14 @ MUSKINGUM

MARIST

SEP. 12 @ SIENA
SEP. 19 @ PACE
SEP. 26 @ LIU-C.W. POST
OCT. 3 @ IONA
OCT. 10 ST. FRANCIS (PA)
OCT. 17 @ WAGNER
OCT. 24 @ RENSSELAER
OCT. 31 ST. JOHN'S (NY)
NOV. 7 FDU-MADISON
NOV. 14 @ CANISIUS

MARS HILL

SEP. 5 @ W. CAROLINA
SEP. 12 @ E. TENNESSEE ST.
SEP. 19 CATAWBA
SEP. 26 @ WINGATE
OCT. 3 @ CONCORD
OCT. 10 ELON
OCT. 17 CARSON-NEWMAN
OCT. 24 PRESBYTERIAN
OCT. 31 @ LEES-MCRAE
NOV. 7 @ LENOIR RHYNE
NOV. 14 @ GARDNER WEBB

MARSHALL

SEP. 5 MOREHEAD ST.
SEP. 12 @ ILLINOIS
SEP. 19 @ VA. MILITARY
OCT. 3 @ MISSOURI
OCT. 10 FURMAN
OCT. 17 @ CITADEL
OCT. 24 TENN. OIATT
OCT. 31 @ W. CAROLINA
NOV. 7 APPALACHIAN ST.
NOV. 14 TENNESSEE TECH
NOV. 21 E. TENNESSEE ST.

MARYLAND

SEP. 5 @ VIRGINIA
SEP. 12 N. CAROLINA ST.
SEP. 19 @ W. VIRGINIA
SEP. 26 @ PENN ST.
OCT. 3 PITTSBURGH
OCT. 10 GEORGIA TECH
OCT. 17 WAKE FOREST
OCT. 24 @ DUKE
OCT. 31 N. CAROLINA
NOV. 7 @ FLORIDA ST.
NOV. 14 CLEMSON

MARYVILLE (TENNESSEE)

SEP. 5 TENN. WESLEYAN
SEP. 12 @ LAMBUETH

SEP. 19 @ CENTRE
SEP. 26 SEWANEE
OCT. 3 CLINCH VALLEY
OCT. 10 @ CUMBERLAND (TN)
OCT. 24 RHODES
OCT. 31 @ ME THOMAS
NOV. 7 @ TUSCULUM
NOV. 14 @ EMORY & HENRY

MASSACHUSETTS

SEP. 12 @ DELAWARE
SEP. 19 @ HOLY CROSS
SEP. 26 BOSTON U.
OCT. 10 @ RHODE ISLAND
OCT. 17 CONNECTICUT
OCT. 24 @ VILANOVA
OCT. 31 NORTHEASTERN
NOV. 7 @ RICHMOND
NOV. 14 @ MAINE
NOV. 21 @ NEW HAMPSHIRE

MASSACHUSETTS-BOSTON

SEP. 10 WESTFIELD ST.
SEP. 26 @ BRIDGEWATER (MA)
OCT. 3 WORCESTER ST.
OCT. 10 @ MASS. MARITIME
OCT. 17 MASS.-DARTMOUTH
OCT. 24 @ MAINE MARITIME
OCT. 31 MIT
NOV. 7 @ FITCHBURG ST.
NOV. 14 @ FRAMINGHAM ST.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)

SEP. 19 @ ASSUMPTION
SEP. 26 @ W. NEW ENGLAND
OCT. 3 @ BENTLEY
OCT. 10 WESTFIELD ST.
OCT. 17 STONEHILL
OCT. 24 @ NICHOLS
OCT. 31 @ MASS. BOSTON
NOV. 7 CURRY

MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME

SEP. 12 N. CHOLS
SEP. 26 MASS.-DARTMOUTH
OCT. 3 @ MAINE MARITIME
OCT. 10 MASS.-BOSTON
OCT. 17 @ FITCHBURG ST.
OCT. 24 FRAMINGHAM ST.
OCT. 30 @ WESTFIELD ST.
NOV. 7 BRIDGEWATER (MA)
NOV. 14 @ WORCESTER ST.

MCNEESE ST.

SEP. 5 SW MISSOURI ST.
SEP. 12 N. IOWA
SEP. 19 @ NEVADA
SEP. 26 @ NICHOLLS ST.
OCT. 10 @ NE LOUISIANA
OCT. 17 NORTHWESTERN (LA)
OCT. 24 @ SW TEXAS ST.
OCT. 31 @ N. TEXAS
NOV. 7 @ STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
NOV. 14 @ SAM HOUSTON ST.
NOV. 21 @ WFRST ST.

MEMPHIS ST.

SEP. 5 @ S. MISSISSIPPI
SEP. 12 @ LOUISVILLE
SEP. 19 @ MISSISSIPPI ST.
SEP. 26 ARKANSAS
OCT. 10 CINCINNATI
OCT. 17 @ ARKANSAS ST.
OCT. 24 @ TULSA
OCT. 31 @ TULANE
NOV. 7 @ MISSISSIPPI
NOV. 14 TENNESSEE
NOV. 21 @ E. CAROLINA

MENLO

SEP. 12 REGANOS
SEP. 19 OCCIDENTAL
SEP. 26 @ WHITTIER
OCT. 3 @ CLAREMONT M-S
OCT. 10 @ SAN FRAN. ST.
OCT. 17 @ LA VERNE
OCT. 24 @ CAL LUTHERAN
NOV. 7 @ SAN DIEGO
NOV. 14 AZUSA-PACIFIC

MERCHANT MARINE

SEP. 12 @ NORWICH

SEP. 19 @ W CONNECTICUT ST.
SEP. 26 PAGE
OCT. 10 ALBRIGHT
OCT. 17 WORCESTER TECH
OCT. 24 @ STONY BROOK
OCT. 31 MUHLBERG
NOV. 7 IONA
NOV. 14 COAST GUARD

MERCYHURST

SEP. 5 @ BETHANY (W VA)
SEP. 19 GANNON
SEP. 26 @ ST. FRANCIS (PA)
OCT. 3 CAN SIUS
OCT. 10 @ DAYTON
OCT. 17 WITTENBERG
OCT. 24 @ ALFRED
OCT. 31 @ ITHACA
NOV. 7 @ BROCKPORT ST.

MESA ST.

SEP. 3 @ IDAHO ST.
SEP. 12 @ N. COLORADO
SEP. 19 @ MONTANA ST.
SEP. 26 @ NEW MEX. HIGHLANDS
OCT. 3 @ FORT LEWIS
OCT. 10 FORT HAYS ST.
OCT. 17 WESTERN ST.
OCT. 24 @ NEB.-KEARNEY
OCT. 31 ADAMS ST.
NOV. 7 COLORADO MINES
NOV. 14 @ CHADRON ST.

METHUEN

SEP. 5 @ CHARLESTON SO.
SEP. 12 GUILFORD
SEP. 19 SALISBURY ST.
OCT. 3 CATHOLIC
OCT. 10 @ BRIDGEWATER (VA)
OCT. 17 DAVIDSON
OCT. 31 @ MARYVILLE (TN)
NOV. 7 HAMPDEN-SYDNEY
NOV. 14 @ FROSTBURG ST.
NOV. 21 @ FERRIS

MIAMI (FLORIDA)

SEP. 5 @ IOWA
SEP. 19 FLORIDA A&M
SEP. 26 ARIZONA
OCT. 3 FLORIDA ST.
OCT. 10 @ PENN. ST.
OCT. 17 TEXAS CHRISTIAN
OCT. 24 @ VIRGINIA TECH
OCT. 31 W. VIRGINIA
NOV. 14 TEMPLE
NOV. 21 @ SYRACUSE
NOV. 26 @ SAN DIEGO ST.

MIAMI (OHIO)

SEP. 5 @ W. VIRGINIA
SEP. 12 @ INDIANA
SEP. 19 CINCINNATI
SEP. 26 @ BALL ST.
OCT. 3 @ E. MICHIGAN
OCT. 10 CENTRAL MICHIGAN
OCT. 17 @ OHIO
OCT. 24 TOLEDO
OCT. 31 @ BOWLING GREEN
NOV. 7 W. MICHIGAN
NOV. 14 KENT

MICHIGAN

SEP. 12 @ NOTRE DAME
SEP. 19 OKLAHOMA ST.
SEP. 26 HOUSTON
OCT. 3 IOWA
OCT. 10 MICHIGAN ST.
OCT. 17 @ INDIANA
OCT. 24 MINNESOTA
OCT. 31 @ PURDUE
NOV. 7 @ FURDLE
NOV. 14 @ NORTHWESTERN
NOV. 21 @ OHIO ST.

MICHIGAN STATE

SEP. 12 CENTRAL MICHIGAN
SEP. 19 NOTRE DAME
SEP. 26 @ BOSTON COLLEGE
OCT. 3 INDIANA
OCT. 10 MICHIGAN
OCT. 17 @ MINNESOTA
OCT. 24 OHIO ST.
OCT. 31 @ NORTHWESTERN
NOV. 7 WISCONSIN
NOV. 14 PURDUE
NOV. 21 @ ILLINOIS

MICHIGAN TECH

SEP. 5 WIS. STEVENS POINT
SEP. 12 @ NORTHWESTERN (SD)
SEP. 19 @ MINN.-MORRIS
SEP. 26 @ BENEDICT ST.
OCT. 3 @ WINONA ST.
OCT. 10 MINN. DULUTH
OCT. 31 @ WAYNE ST. (NE)
NOV. 7 VAL PARADISE @ MARQUETTE
NOV. 14 @ MINNEAPOLIS

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

SEP. 5 TENNESSEE ST. @ NASHVILLE
SEP. 12 @ NEBRASKA
SEP. 26 @ MURRAY ST.
OCT. 3 @ N. ILLINOIS
OCT. 10 AUSTIN PEAY
OCT. 17 E. KENTUCKY
OCT. 24 @ SE MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 31 @ GEORGIA SOUTHERN
NOV. 7 TENN. MARTIN
NOV. 14 MOREHEAD ST.
NOV. 21 TENNESSEE TECH

MIDDLEBURY

SEP. 26 BOWDOIN
OCT. 3 @ COLBY
OCT. 10 @ AMHERST
OCT. 17 @ WILLIAMS
OCT. 24 BATES
OCT. 31 @ TRINITY (CT)
NOV. 7 @ HAMILTON
NOV. 14 TUFTS

MILLERSVILLE

SEP. 12 @ SHEPHERD
SEP. 19 AMERICAN INT'L
SEP. 26 @ SHIPPENSBURG
OCT. 3 BLOOMSBURG
OCT. 10 @ KUTZTOWN
OCT. 17 WEST CHESTER
OCT. 24 @ E. STROUDSBURG
OCT. 31 CHEYNEY
NOV. 7 @ MANSFIELD
NOV. 14 EDINBORO

MILLIKIN

SEP. 12 @ ILL. BENEDICTINE
SEP. 26 @ DRAKE
OCT. 3 WHEATON (IL)
OCT. 10 @ CARTHAGE
OCT. 17 NORTH PARK
OCT. 24 @ NORTH CENTRAL
OCT. 31 AUGUSTANA (IL)
NOV. 7 @ ILL. WESLEYAN
NOV. 14 ELMHURST

MILLAPS

SEP. 5 @ ALA.-BIRMINGHAM
SEP. 12 GREENVILLE
SEP. 19 @ DEPAUL
SEP. 26 HARDIN SIMMONS
OCT. 3 @ EMORY & HENRY
OCT. 10 CENTRE
OCT. 24 COLORADO COLLEGE
OCT. 31 @ SEWANEE
NOV. 7 @ RHODES
NOV. 14 TRINITY (TX)

MINNESOTA

SEP. 12 SAN JOSE ST.
SEP. 19 COLORADO
SEP. 26 @ PITTSBURGH
OCT. 3 ILLINOIS
OCT. 10 @ PURDUE
OCT. 17 MICHIGAN ST.
OCT. 24 @ MICHIGAN
OCT. 31 INDIANA
NOV. 7 @ OHIO ST.
NOV. 14 @ WISCONSIN
NOV. 21 IOWA

MINNESOTA-DULUTH

SEP. 5 WIS.-EAU CLAIRE
SEP. 12 ST. CLOUD ST.
SEP. 19 @ ST. FRANCIS (IL)
SEP. 26 NORTHERN ST. (SD)
OCT. 3 @ BENEDICT ST.
OCT. 10 MICHIGAN TECH
OCT. 17 SOUTHWEST ST. (MN)
OCT. 24 @ MOOREHEAD ST.
OCT. 31 WINONA ST.
NOV. 7 @ MINN.-MORRIS
NOV. 14 @ N. ARIZONA

MISSISSIPPI

SEP. 5 AUBURN
SEP. 12 TULANE
SEP. 19 VANDERBILT
SEP. 26 @ GEORGIA
OCT. 3 KENTUCKY
OCT. 17 ARKANSAS @ LITTLE ROCK
OCT. 24 @ ALABAMA
OCT. 31 LOUISIANA ST. @ JACKSON
NOV. 7 MEMPHIS ST.
NOV. 14 LOUISIANA TECH
NOV. 26 MISSISSIPPI ST.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

SEP. 5 @ NORTHWESTERN (IA)
SEP. 12 @ N. ALABAMA
SEP. 26 HENDERSON ST.
OCT. 3 @ JACKSONVILLE ST.
OCT. 10 W. GEORGIA
OCT. 17 @ LIVINGSTONE
OCT. 24 TEXAS A&I
OCT. 31 @ VALDOSTA ST.

NOV. 7 @ GEORGIA SOUTHERN
NOV. 14 @ DELTA ST.

MISSISSIPPI ST.

SEP. 5 @ TEXAS
SEP. 12 @ LOUISIANA ST.
SEP. 19 @ MEMPHIS
OCT. 1 FLORIDA
OCT. 10 AUBURN
OCT. 17 @ S. CAROLINA
OCT. 24 ARKANSAS ST.
OCT. 31 KENTUCKY
NOV. 7 ARKANSAS
NOV. 14 ALABAMA
NOV. 26 @ MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

SEP. 12 LANE
SEP. 19 @ MILES
SEP. 26 @ JACKSON ST.
OCT. 3 @ SOUTHERN-B.R.
OCT. 10 @ KNOXVILLE
OCT. 17 GRAMBLING @ CHICAGO
OCT. 24 @ TEXAS SOUTHERN
OCT. 31 PRAIRIE VIEW
NOV. 7 ALCORN ST.
NOV. 14 @ ALABAMA ST.

MISSOURI

SEP. 12 @ ILLINOIS
SEP. 19 TEXAS A&M
SEP. 26 @ INDIANA
OCT. 3 MARSHALL
OCT. 10 COLORADO
OCT. 17 @ OKLAHOMA ST.
OCT. 24 NEBRASKA
OCT. 31 @ IOWA ST.
NOV. 7 @ OKLAHOMA
NOV. 14 KANSAS ST.
NOV. 21 KANSAS

MISSOURI-ROLLA

SEP. 5 @ IOWA WESLEYAN
SEP. 19 @ NW MISSOURI ST.
SEP. 26 PITTSBURG ST.
OCT. 3 @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN ST.
OCT. 17 @ EMPORIA ST.
OCT. 24 WASHBURN
OCT. 31 @ CENTRAL MISSOURI ST.
NOV. 7 @ SW BAPTIST
NOV. 14 NE MISSOURI ST.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN ST.

SEP. 5 @ CAMERON
SEP. 12 @ EMPORIA ST.
SEP. 19 @ CENTRAL MISSOURI ST.
SEP. 26 MISSOURI WESTERN ST.
OCT. 3 WASHBURN
OCT. 10 @ MISSOURI-ROLLA
OCT. 17 SW BAPTIST
OCT. 24 @ PITTSBURG ST.
OCT. 31 NW MISSOURI ST.
NOV. 7 @ NE MISSOURI ST.

MISSOURI WESTERN ST.

SEP. 5 @ W. ILLINOIS
SEP. 12 PERU ST.
SEP. 19 EMPORIA ST.
SEP. 26 @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN ST.
OCT. 3 MISSOURI-ROLLA
OCT. 10 @ SW BAPTIST
OCT. 17 PITTSBURG ST.
OCT. 24 @ NW MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 31 NE MISSOURI ST.
NOV. 7 CENTRAL MISSOURI ST.
NOV. 14 WASHBURN

MONMOUTH (ILLINOIS)

SEP. 12 @ EUREKA
SEP. 19 MACMURRAY
SEP. 26 LAWRENCE
OCT. 3 @ CARROLL (WI)
OCT. 10 ILLINOIS COLLEGE
OCT. 17 CORNELL COLLEGE
OCT. 24 @ COE
OCT. 31 @ GRINNELL
NOV. 7 KNOX

MONTANA

SEP. 5 @ WASHINGTON ST.
SEP. 12 CAL ST. CHICO
SEP. 19 @ KANSAS ST.
SEP. 26 E. WASHINGTON
OCT. 3 @ BOISE ST.
OCT. 10 @ WEBER ST.
OCT. 17 N. ARIZONA

OCT. 24 MONTANA ST.
NOV. 7 IDAHO
NOV. 14 HOFSTRA
NOV. 21 @ IDAHO ST.

MONTANA STATE

SEP. 5 @ CAL ST. SACRAMENTO
SEP. 12 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
SEP. 19 MESA ST.
SEP. 26 @ WEBER ST.
OCT. 3 N. ARIZONA
OCT. 10 @ E. WASHINGTON
OCT. 17 IDAHO ST.
OCT. 24 @ MONTANA
OCT. 31 @ BOISE ST.
NOV. 14 @ IDAHO
NOV. 21 @ NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

MONTCLAIR STATE

SEP. 12 CORTLAND ST.
SEP. 19 @ ITHACA
OCT. 3 @ RAMAPO
OCT. 10 @ KEAN
OCT. 17 WM. PATERSON
OCT. 24 @ SALISBURY ST.
OCT. 31 TRENTON ST.
NOV. 7 JERSEY CITY ST.
NOV. 14 GLASSBORO ST.

MORAVIAN

SEP. 12 FRANK & MARSH
SEP. 19 SUSQUEHANNA
SEP. 26 @ WIDENER
OCT. 3 WILKES
OCT. 10 JUNIATA
OCT. 17 @ LEBANON VALLEY
OCT. 24 @ LYCOMING
OCT. 31 DELAWARE VALLEY
NOV. 7 ALBRIGHT
NOV. 14 MUHLBERG

MOREHEAD STATE

SEP. 5 @ MARSHALL
SEP. 12 W. VIRGINIA ST.
SEP. 26 TENN.-MARTIN
OCT. 3 @ E. TENNESSEE ST.
OCT. 10 TENNESSEE ST.
OCT. 17 MURRAY ST.
OCT. 24 @ TENNESSEE TECH
OCT. 31 @ AUSTIN PEAY
NOV. 7 SE MISSOURI ST.
NOV. 14 @ MIDDLE TENN. ST.
NOV. 21 E. KENTUCKY

MOREHOUSE

SEP. 5 HOWARD
SEP. 12 @ FORT VALLEY ST.
SEP. 19 @ JOHNSON SMITH
SEP. 26 ALBANY ST. (GA)
OCT. 3 @ HAMPTON
OCT. 10 ALABAMA A&M
OCT. 17 TUSKEGEE @ COLUMBUS
OCT. 24 MORRIS BROWN
OCT. 31 @ SAVANNAH ST.
NOV. 7 @ MILES
NOV. 14 @ CLARK ATLANTA

MORGAN STATE

SEP. 12 @ LIBERTY
SEP. 19 @ N. CAROLINA A&T
SEP. 26 JOHNSON SMITH
OCT. 3 @ BUFFALO
OCT. 10 @ S. CAROLINA ST.
OCT. 17 CENTRAL ST. (OH)
OCT. 24 DELAWARE ST.
OCT. 31 @ FLORIDA A&M
NOV. 7 @ W. ILLINOIS
NOV. 14 @ HOWARD
NOV. 21 BETHUNE-COOKMAN

MORNINGSIDE

SEP. 5 @ NE MISSOURI ST.
SEP. 12 WAYNE ST. (NE)
SEP. 19 @ S. DAKOTA
SEP. 26 @ MANKATO ST.
OCT. 3 N. DAKOTA
OCT. 10 @ N. COLORADO
OCT. 17 S. DAKOTA ST.
OCT. 24 NEB.-OMAHA
OCT. 31 @ AUGUSTANA (SD)
NOV. 7 N. DAKOTA ST.
NOV. 14 ST. CLOUD ST.

MORRIS BROWN

SEP. 7 @ CLARK ATLANTA
SEP. 12 @ CHEYNEY

SEP. 19 @ TUSKEGEE
SEP. 26 FORT VALLEY ST. @ MACON
OCT. 3 ALABAMA A&M
OCT. 10 @ MILES
OCT. 17 SAVANNAH ST.
OCT. 24 @ MOREHOUSE
OCT. 31 JOHNSON SMITH
NOV. 7 ALBANY ST. (GA)

MOUNT UNION

SEP. 12 ADRIAN
SEP. 19 @ MUSKINGUM
SEP. 26 MARIETTA
OCT. 3 BALDWIN-WALLACE
OCT. 10 @ JOHN CARROLL
OCT. 17 HEIDELBERG
OCT. 24 @ OHIO NORTHERN
OCT. 31 OTTERBEIN
NOV. 7 CAPITAL
NOV. 14 @ HIRAM

MUHLBERG

SEP. 12 SUSQUEHANNA
SEP. 19 @ DICKINSON
SEP. 26 FRANK & MARSH
OCT. 3 @ W. MARYLAND
OCT. 10 SWARTHMORE
OCT. 17 @ JOHNS HOPKINS
OCT. 24 GETTYSBURG
OCT. 31 @ MERCHANT MARINE
NOV. 7 @ URSINUS
NOV. 14 @ MORAVIAN

MURRAY STATE

SEP. 3 @ SE MISSOURI ST.
SEP. 18 @ E. ILLINOIS
SEP. 26 MIDDLE TENN. ST.
OCT. 3 AUSTIN PEAY
OCT. 10 TENN.-MARTIN
OCT. 17 @ MOREHEAD ST.
OCT. 31 TENNESSEE TECH
NOV. 7 @ E. KENTUCKY
NOV. 14 TENNESSEE ST.
NOV. 21 W. KENTUCKY

MUSKINGUM

SEP. 12 DENISON
SEP. 19 @ MOUNT UNION
SEP. 26 @ BALDWIN-WALLACE
OCT. 3 HEIDELBERG
OCT. 10 OHIO NORTHERN
OCT. 17 @ JOHN CARROLL
OCT. 24 CAPITAL
OCT. 31 @ HIRAM
NOV. 7 @ OTTERBEIN
NOV. 14 MARIETTA

NAVY (U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY)

SEP. 12 VIRGINIA
SEP. 19 @ BOSTON COLLEGE
SEP. 26 RUTGERS
OCT. 3 @ N. CAROLINA
OCT. 10 AIR FORCE
OCT. 24 DELAWARE
OCT. 31 NOTRE DAME @ E. RUTHERFORD
NOV. 7 TULANE
NOV. 14 VANDERBILT
NOV. 21 @ RICE
DEC. 5 ARMY @ PHILADELPHIA

NEBRASKA

SEP. 5 UTAH
SEP. 12 MIDDLE TENN. ST.
SEP. 19 @ WASHINGTON
SEP. 26 ARIZONA ST.
OCT. 10 OKLAHOMA ST.
OCT. 24 @ MISSOURI
OCT. 31 COLORADO
NOV. 7 KANSAS
NOV. 14 @ IOWA ST.
NOV. 27 @ OKLAHOMA
DEC. 6 KANSAS ST. @ TOKYO, JAPAN

NEBRASKA-OMAHA

SEP. 5 WAYNE ST. (NE)
SEP. 12 NEB.-KEARNEY
SEP. 19 @ ST. CLOUD ST.
SEP. 26 AUGUSTANA (SD)
OCT. 3 @ S. DAKOTA ST.
OCT. 10 MANKATO ST.
OCT. 17 @ N. COLORADO
OCT. 24 MORNINGSIDE
OCT. 31 N. DAKOTA ST.
NOV. 7 @ N. DAKOTA
NOV. 14 S. DAKOTA

 **TOYOTA**
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TOYOOTA

NEBRASKA WESLEYAN

SEP. 5 _____ AUSTIN
SEP. 12 _____ KANSAS WESLEYAN
SEP. 26 _____ NW IOWA
OCT. 3 _____ HASTINGS
OCT. 10 _____ DANA
OCT. 24 _____ DOANE
OCT. 31 _____ MIDLAND LUTHERAN
NOV. 7 _____ CONCORDIA (NE)
NOV. 14 _____ PERU ST

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

SEP. 12 _____ UTEP
SEP. 19 _____ N. ARIZONA
SEP. 26 _____ OREGON
OCT. 3 _____ PACIFIC (CA)
OCT. 10 _____ NEW MEXICO ST
OCT. 17 _____ NEVADA
OCT. 24 _____ HAWAII
OCT. 31 _____ SAN JOSE ST
NOV. 7 _____ UTAH ST
NOV. 21 _____ MONTANA ST
NOV. 28 _____ CAL. ST. FULLERTON

NEVADA

SEP. 5 _____ WYOMING
SEP. 12 _____ PACIFIC (CA)
SEP. 19 _____ MCNEESE ST
SEP. 26 _____ TULANE
OCT. 3 _____ CAL. ST. FULLERTON
OCT. 17 _____ NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
OCT. 24 _____ NEW MEXICO ST
OCT. 31 _____ WEBER ST
NOV. 7 _____ SAN JOSE ST
NOV. 14 _____ UTAH ST
NOV. 21 _____ TEXAS SOUTHERN

NEW HAMPSHIRE

SEP. 5 _____ MAINE
SEP. 12 _____ CONNECTICUT
SEP. 19 _____ LEHIGH
SEP. 26 _____ DARTMOUTH
OCT. 3 _____ DELAWARE
OCT. 10 _____ RICHMOND
OCT. 24 _____ NORTHEASTERN
OCT. 31 _____ BOSTON UNIVERSITY
NOV. 7 _____ VILLANOVA
NOV. 14 _____ RHODE ISLAND
NOV. 21 _____ MASSACHUSETTS

NEW HAVEN

SEP. 5 _____ CONNECTICUT
SEP. 12 _____ BUFFALO
SEP. 19 _____ CLARION
SEP. 26 _____ VIRGINIA UNION
OCT. 3 _____ CENTRAL CONNECTICUT ST
OCT. 17 _____ AMER CAN INT'L
OCT. 24 _____ S. CONNECTICUT ST
OCT. 31 _____ SPRINGFIELD
NOV. 7 _____ CARSON-NEWMAN
NOV. 14 _____ SHEPHERD

NEW MEXICO

SEP. 5 _____ TEXAS CHRISTIAN
SEP. 12 _____ NEW MEXICO ST.
SEP. 19 _____ SMU
SEP. 26 _____ AIR FORCE
OCT. 3 _____ SAN DIEGO ST
OCT. 10 _____ WYOMING
OCT. 17 _____ UTAH
OCT. 24 _____ FRESNO ST.
NOV. 7 _____ BRIGHAM YOUNG
NOV. 14 _____ UTEP
NOV. 21 _____ CALIFORNIA ST

NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS

SEP. 5 _____ E. NEW MEXICO
SEP. 12 _____ W. NEW MEXICO
SEP. 19 _____ NW OKLAHOMA
SEP. 26 _____ MESA ST
OCT. 3 _____ FORT HAYS ST
OCT. 10 _____ CHADRON ST.
OCT. 17 _____ FORT LEWIS
OCT. 24 _____ W. TEXAS ST
OCT. 31 _____ WESTERN ST
NOV. 7 _____ ADAMS ST
NOV. 14 _____ COLORADO MINES

NEW MEXICO STATE

SEP. 5 _____ WEBER ST
SEP. 12 _____ NEW MEXICO
SEP. 19 _____

SEP. 26 _____ UTAH ST
OCT. 3 _____ KANSAS ST.
OCT. 10 _____ NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
OCT. 17 _____ PACIFIC (CA)
OCT. 24 _____ NEVADA
OCT. 31 _____ ARIZONA
NOV. 14 _____ CAL. ST. FULLERTON
NOV. 21 _____ SAN JOSE ST.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE

SEP. 5 _____ S. CAROLINA ST
SEP. 12 _____ LEHIGH-RHYNE
SEP. 19 _____ GARDNER-WEBB
SEP. 26 _____ ELON
OCT. 3 _____ CHARLESTON SOUTH
OCT. 17 _____ WOFFORD
OCT. 24 _____ LEES-MCRAE
OCT. 31 _____ CATAPAWB
NOV. 7 _____ CITADEL
NOV. 14 _____ FAYETTEVILLE ST
NOV. 21 _____ FREDERICKSBURG

NICHOLLS ST

SEP. 5 _____ NE LOUISIANA
SEP. 12 _____ TEXAS A&M
SEP. 26 _____ MCNEESE ST
OCT. 3 _____ SW TEXAS ST.
OCT. 10 _____ SAM HOUSTON ST.
OCT. 17 _____ CENTRAL FLORIDA
OCT. 24 _____ STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
OCT. 31 _____ SOUTHERN
NOV. 7 _____ N. TEXAS
NOV. 14 _____ NORTHWESTERN (LA)
NOV. 21 _____ TROY CT

NICHOLS

SEP. 12 _____ MASS MARITIME
SEP. 19 _____ STONEHILL
SEP. 26 _____ BENTLEY
OCT. 3 _____ ASSUMPTION
OCT. 10 _____ CURRY
OCT. 17 _____ SACRED HEART
OCT. 24 _____ MIT
OCT. 31 _____ W. NEW ENGLAND
NOV. 7 _____ WORCESTER ST.

NORFOLK STATE

SEP. 5 _____ VIRGINIA ST
SEP. 12 _____ JOHNSON SMITH
SEP. 19 _____ FAYETTEVILLE ST
SEP. 26 _____ ELIZABETH CITY ST
OCT. 3 _____ N. CAROLINA A&T
OCT. 10 _____ BOWIE ST
OCT. 17 _____ HAMPTON
OCT. 24 _____ VIRGINIA UNION
OCT. 31 _____ KENTUCKY ST
NOV. 14 _____ BETHUNE COOKMAN

NORTH ALABAMA

SEP. 5 _____ CENTRAL MISSOURI ST
SEP. 12 _____ MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
SEP. 19 _____ ALABAMA A&M
SEP. 26 _____ DELTA ST
OCT. 10 _____ FORT VALLEY ST
OCT. 17 _____ JACKSONVILLE ST
OCT. 24 _____ TROY ST
OCT. 31 _____ LIVINGSTON
NOV. 7 _____ W. GEORGIA
NOV. 14 _____ VALDOSTA ST

NORTH CAROLINA

SEP. 5 _____ WAKE FOREST
SEP. 12 _____ FURMAN
SEP. 19 _____ ARMY
SEP. 26 _____ N. CAROLINA ST
OCT. 3 _____ NAVY
OCT. 10 _____ FLORIDA ST
OCT. 17 _____ VIRGINIA
OCT. 24 _____ GEORGIA TECH
OCT. 31 _____ MARYLAND
NOV. 7 _____ CLEMSON
NOV. 21 _____ DUKE

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

SEP. 5 _____ N. CAROLINA CENTRAL
SEP. 12 _____ WINSTON-SALEM
SEP. 19 _____ MORGAN ST
SEP. 26 _____ LIBERTY
OCT. 3 _____ NORFOLK ST.
OCT. 10 _____ FLORIDA A&M ORLANDO
OCT. 24 _____ HOWARD
OCT. 31 _____ BETHUNE-COOKMAN
NOV. 7 _____ DELAWARE ST.

NOV. 14 _____ APPALACHIAN ST
NOV. 21 _____ S. CAROLINA ST.

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL

SEP. 5 _____ N. CAROLINA A&T
SEP. 12 _____ VIRGINIA STATE
SEP. 19 _____ BOWIE ST
SEP. 26 _____ KENTUCKY ST
OCT. 3 _____ ELIZABETH CITY ST
OCT. 10 _____ FAYETTEVILLE ST
OCT. 17 _____ WINSTON-SALEM
OCT. 24 _____ FARMING ST
OCT. 31 _____ LIVINGSTONE
NOV. 7 _____ JOHNSON SMITH
NOV. 14 _____ HAMPTON

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

AUG. 28 _____ IOWA E. RUTHERFORD
SEP. 5 _____ APPALACHIAN ST
SEP. 12 _____ MARYLAND
SEP. 19 _____ FLORIDA ST
SEP. 26 _____ N. CAROLINA
OCT. 3 _____ GEORGIA TECH
OCT. 10 _____ TEXAS TECH
OCT. 17 _____ VIRGINIA TECH
OCT. 24 _____ CLEMSON
NOV. 7 _____ VIRGINIA
NOV. 14 _____ DUKE
NOV. 21 _____ WAKE FOREST

NORTH CENTRAL

SEP. 5 _____ LARKIN (WV)
SEP. 12 _____ EUREKA
OCT. 3 _____ ILL. WESLEYAN
OCT. 10 _____ AUGUSTANA (IL)
OCT. 17 _____ ELMHURST
OCT. 24 _____ MILLIKIN
OCT. 31 _____ WHEATON (IL)
NOV. 7 _____ NORTH PARK
NOV. 14 _____ CARLETON

NORTH DAKOTA

SEP. 19 _____ S. DAKOTA ST
SEP. 26 _____ S. DAKOTA
OCT. 3 _____ MORRINGSIDE
OCT. 10 _____ AUGUSTANA (SD)
OCT. 17 _____ ST. CLOUD ST.
OCT. 24 _____ MANKATO ST.
OCT. 31 _____ N. COLORADO
NOV. 7 _____ NEB.-OMAHA
NOV. 14 _____ N. DAKOTA ST.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE

SEP. 12 _____ CAL. POLY SLO
SEP. 19 _____ AUGUSTANA (SD)
SEP. 26 _____ S. DAKOTA ST
OCT. 3 _____ S. DAKOTA
OCT. 10 _____ ST. CLOUD ST
OCT. 17 _____ MANKATO ST
OCT. 24 _____ N. COLORADO
OCT. 31 _____ NEB.-OMAHA
NOV. 7 _____ MORRINGSIDE
NOV. 14 _____ N. DAKOTA

NORTH PARK

SEP. 19 _____ LAKE FOREST
SEP. 26 _____ BLACKBURN
OCT. 3 _____ AUGUSTANA (IL)
OCT. 10 _____ ELMHURST
OCT. 17 _____ MILLIKIN
OCT. 24 _____ WHEATON (IL)
OCT. 31 _____ LAKE HALE
NOV. 7 _____ NORTH CENTRAL
NOV. 14 _____ ILL. WESLEYAN

NORTH TEXAS

SEP. 5 _____ ABILENE CHRISTIAN
SEP. 12 _____ SMU
SEP. 19 _____ SW MISSOURI ST
SEP. 26 _____ TEXAS
OCT. 10 _____ NORTHWESTERN (LA)
OCT. 17 _____ STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
OCT. 24 _____ SAM HOUSTON ST
OCT. 31 _____ MCNEESE ST
NOV. 7 _____ NICHOLLS ST
NOV. 14 _____ SW TEXAS ST
NOV. 21 _____ NE LOUISIANA

NORTHEASTERN

SEP. 12 _____ N. ARIZONA
SEP. 19 _____ MAINE
SEP. 26 _____ CONNECTICUT

OCT. 3 _____ JAMES MADISON
OCT. 10 _____ LEHIGH
OCT. 17 _____ YOUNGSTOWN ST.
OCT. 24 _____ NEW HAMPSHIRE
OCT. 31 _____ MASSACHUSETTS
NOV. 7 _____ RHODE ISLAND
NOV. 14 _____ TOWSON ST
NOV. 21 _____ BOSTON U

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

SEP. 5 _____ NICHOLLS ST
SEP. 12 _____ SW LOUISIANA
SEP. 19 _____ E. KENTUCKY
SEP. 26 _____ SW TEXAS ST
OCT. 3 _____ DELTA ST
OCT. 10 _____ MCNEESE ST
OCT. 17 _____ SAM HOUSTON ST
OCT. 24 _____ NORTHWESTERN (LA)
NOV. 7 _____ WASHINGTON
NOV. 14 _____ STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
NOV. 21 _____ N. TEXAS

NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

SEP. 5 _____ MORRINGSIDE
SEP. 12 _____ IOWA WESLEYAN
SEP. 19 _____ WASHBURN
SEP. 26 _____ EMPORIA ST
OCT. 3 _____ SW BAPTIST
OCT. 10 _____ PITTSBURG ST.
OCT. 17 _____ NW MISSOURI ST
OCT. 24 _____ CENTRAL MISSOURI ST
OCT. 31 _____ MISSOURI WESTERN ST
NOV. 7 _____ MISSOURI SOUTHERN ST
NOV. 14 _____ MISSOURI-ROLLA

NORTHERN ARIZONA

SEP. 5 _____ S. UTAH
SEP. 12 _____ NORTHEASTERN
SEP. 19 _____ NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
SEP. 26 _____ IDAHO ST
OCT. 3 _____ MONTANA ST
OCT. 10 _____ BOISE ST
OCT. 17 _____ MONTANA
OCT. 24 _____ E. WASHINGTON
OCT. 31 _____ IDAHO
NOV. 7 _____ WEBER ST
NOV. 14 _____ MINN.-DULUTH

NORTHERN COLORADO

SEP. 5 _____ WESTERN ST.
SEP. 12 _____ MESA ST
SEP. 19 _____ MANKATO ST
SEP. 26 _____ ST. CLOUD ST
OCT. 3 _____ AUGUSTANA (SD)
OCT. 10 _____ MORRINGSIDE
OCT. 17 _____ NEB.-OMAHA
OCT. 24 _____ N. DAKOTA ST
OCT. 31 _____ N. DAKOTA
NOV. 7 _____ S. DAKOTA
NOV. 14 _____ S. DAKOTA ST

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

SEP. 5 _____ ILLINOIS
SEP. 12 _____ ILLINOIS ST.
SEP. 19 _____ ARKANSAS ST.
SEP. 26 _____ WISCONSIN
OCT. 3 _____ MIDDLE TENN. ST
OCT. 10 _____ S. MISSISSIPPI
OCT. 17 _____ LIBERTY
OCT. 24 _____ W. MICHIGAN
NOV. 7 _____ SW LOUISIANA
NOV. 14 _____ ARMY
NOV. 21 _____ TOLEDO

NORTHERN IOWA

SEP. 12 _____ MCNEESE ST.
SEP. 19 _____ IDAHO ST
SEP. 26 _____ IOWA ST.
OCT. 3 _____ ILLINOIS ST.
OCT. 10 _____ W. KENTUCKY
OCT. 17 _____ S. ILLINOIS
OCT. 24 _____ IDAHO
OCT. 31 _____ INDIANA ST
NOV. 7 _____ E. ILLINOIS
NOV. 14 _____ W. ILLINOIS
NOV. 21 _____ SW MISSOURI ST.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

SEP. 5 _____ BUTLER
SEP. 12 _____ INDIANAPOLIS
SEP. 19 _____ SAGINAW VALLEY
SEP. 26 _____ VAL PARADISE
OCT. 3 _____ FERRIS ST.

OCT. 10 _____ GRAND VALLEY ST.
OCT. 17 _____ HILLSDALE
OCT. 24 _____ WAYNE ST (MI)
NOV. 7 _____ ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)
NOV. 14 _____ ASHLAND

CAL. ST. NORTHRIIDGE

SEP. 5 _____ CAL. ST. FULLERTON
SEP. 12 _____ IJC DAVIS
SEP. 19 _____ SAN FRAN ST.
SEP. 26 _____ CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
OCT. 3 _____ IDAHO
OCT. 17 _____ SANTA CLARA
OCT. 24 _____ CAL. POLY SLO
OCT. 31 _____ S. UTAH
NOV. 7 _____ PORTLAND ST
NOV. 14 _____ CAL. ST. SACRAMENTO

NORTHWESTERN

SEP. 5 _____ NORTHEASTERN
SEP. 12 _____ BOSTON COLLEGE
SEP. 19 _____ STANFORD
OCT. 3 _____ PURDUE
OCT. 10 _____ INDIANA
OCT. 17 _____ OHIO ST
OCT. 24 _____ ILLINOIS
OCT. 31 _____ MICHIGAN ST.
NOV. 7 _____ MICHIGAN
NOV. 14 _____ IOWA
NOV. 21 _____ WISCONSIN

NORTHWESTERN WISCONSIN

SEP. 12 _____ LAWRENCE
SEP. 19 _____ CONCORDIA (IL)
SEP. 26 _____ PRINCIPALIA
OCT. 3 _____ MARANATHA
OCT. 10 _____ CONCORDIA (ST PAUL)
OCT. 17 _____ NW MINNESOTA
OCT. 24 _____ DR. MARTIN LUTHER
OCT. 31 _____ MT. SENARIO

NORTHWESTERN STATE (LOUISIANA)

SEP. 5 _____ MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
SEP. 12 _____ TROY ST
SEP. 19 _____ E. TEXAS ST.
OCT. 3 _____ ARKANSAS ST.
OCT. 10 _____ N. TEXAS
OCT. 17 _____ MCNEESE ST
OCT. 24 _____ NF ILLINOIS
OCT. 31 _____ SW TEXAS ST
NOV. 7 _____ SAM HOUSTON ST
NOV. 14 _____ NICHOLLS ST.
NOV. 21 _____ STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

SEP. 5 _____ CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
SEP. 12 _____ MANKATO ST.
SEP. 19 _____ MISSOURI-ROLLA
SEP. 26 _____ WASHBURN
OCT. 3 _____ PITTSBURG ST
OCT. 10 _____ CENTRAL MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 17 _____ NE MISSOURI ST
OCT. 24 _____ MISSOURI WESTERN ST
OCT. 31 _____ MISSOURI SOUTHERN ST
NOV. 7 _____ EMPORIA ST
NOV. 14 _____ SW BAPTIST

NORTHWOOD

SEP. 5 _____ FERRIS ST @ AUBURN
SEP. 12 _____ FERRIS ST @ AUBURN
SEP. 19 _____ WESTMINSTER (PA)
OCT. 3 _____ HILLSDALE
OCT. 17 _____ WAYNE ST (MI)
OCT. 24 _____ SAGINAW VALLEY
OCT. 31 _____ ST FRANCIS (IL)
NOV. 7 _____ FINDLAY

NORWICH

SEP. 12 _____ MERCHANT MARINE
SEP. 19 _____ MASS.-LOWELL
SEP. 26 _____ PLYMOUTH ST
OCT. 3 _____ COAST GUARD
OCT. 10 _____ WORCESTER TECH
OCT. 17 _____ BROCKPORT ST.
OCT. 24 _____ ALBANY (NY)
OCT. 31 _____ ST LAWRENCE
NOV. 14 _____ W. CONNECTICUT ST

NOTRE DAME

SEP. 5 _____ NORTHWESTERN @ CHICAGO
SEP. 12 _____ MICHIGAN
SEP. 19 _____ MICHIGAN ST.

SEP. 26 PURDUE
OCT. 3 @ PITTSBURGH
OCT. 10 @ PITTSBURGH
OCT. 24 BRIGHAM YOUNG
OCT. 31 NAVY @ E. RUTHERFORD
NOV. 7 BOSTON COLLEGE
NOV. 14 PENN. ST.
NOV. 28 @ S. CALIFORNIA

OBERLIN
SEP. 12 THIEL
SEP. 19 @ DENISON
SEP. 26 OHIO WESLEYAN
OCT. 3 @ CARLIAM
OCT. 10 WOOSTER
OCT. 17 @ CASE RESERVE
OCT. 24 ALLEGHENY
OCT. 31 @ WITTENBERG
NOV. 7 KENYON
NOV. 14 @ GROVE CITY

OCCIDENTAL
SEP. 18 @ MENLO
SEP. 26 TRINITY (TX)
OCT. 3 @ WHITTIER
OCT. 10 POMONA-PITZER
OCT. 17 @ CAL LUTHERAN
OCT. 24 @ SAN DIEGO
OCT. 31 @ LA VERNE
NOV. 7 CLAREMONT M-S
NOV. 14 @ REDLANDS

OHIO
SEP. 5 @ IOWA ST.
SEP. 12 @ KENT
SEP. 19 @ CENTRAL MICHIGAN
SEP. 26 @ W. MICHIGAN
OCT. 3 AKRON
OCT. 10 @ BOWLING GREEN
OCT. 17 MIAMI (OH)
OCT. 24 @ E. MICHIGAN
OCT. 31 BALL ST.
NOV. 7 YOUNGSTOWN ST.
NOV. 14 @ COLORADO ST.

OHIO NORTHERN
SEP. 12 BLUFFTON
SEP. 19 MARIETTA
SEP. 26 OTTERBEIN
OCT. 3 JOHN CARROLL
OCT. 10 @ MUSKINGUM
OCT. 17 @ HIRAM
OCT. 24 MOUNT UNION
OCT. 31 @ CAPITAL
NOV. 7 @ BALDWIN-WALLACE
NOV. 14 HEIDELBERG

OHIO STATE
SEP. 5 LOUISVILLE
SEP. 12 BOWLING GREEN
SEP. 19 @ SYRACUSE
OCT. 3 @ WISCONSIN
OCT. 10 ILLINOIS
OCT. 17 NORTHWESTERN
OCT. 24 @ MICHIGAN ST.
OCT. 31 IOWA
NOV. 7 MINNESOTA
NOV. 14 INDIANA
NOV. 21 MICHIGAN

OHIO WESLEYAN
SEP. 18 KENYON
SEP. 26 @ OBERLIN
OCT. 3 DENISON
OCT. 10 WILMINGTON (OH)
OCT. 17 @ EARLHAM
OCT. 24 WOOSTER
OCT. 31 @ CASE RESERVE
NOV. 7 ALLEGHENY
NOV. 14 @ WITTENBERG

OKLAHOMA
SEP. 3 @ TEXAS TECH
SEP. 12 ARKANSAS ST.
SEP. 19 S. CALIFORNIA
OCT. 3 IOWA ST.
OCT. 10 TEXAS @ DALLAS
OCT. 17 @ COLORADO
OCT. 24 @ KANSAS
OCT. 31 KANSAS ST.
NOV. 7 MISSOURI
NOV. 14 @ OKLAHOMA ST.
NOV. 27 NEBRASKA

OKLAHOMA STATE
SEP. 5 INDIANA ST.
SEP. 18 @ MICHIGAN
SEP. 26 TULSA
OCT. 3 @ TEXAS CHRISTIAN
OCT. 10 @ NEBRASKA
OCT. 17 @ MICHIGAN
OCT. 24 @ IOWA ST.
OCT. 31 @ IOWA ST.
NOV. 7 @ COLORADO
NOV. 14 OKLAHOMA
NOV. 21 KANSAS ST.

OLIVET
SEP. 12 @ HEIDELBERG
SEP. 19 @ TAYLOR
SEP. 26 DEFIANCE
OCT. 3 WILMINGTON (OH)
OCT. 10 ADRIAN
OCT. 17 @ KALAMAZOO
OCT. 24 @ ALBION
OCT. 31 ALMA
NOV. 7 @ HOPE

OREGON
SEP. 5 HAWAII
SEP. 12 @ STANFORD
SEP. 19 TEXAS TECH
SEP. 26 NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
OCT. 3 ARIZONA ST.
OCT. 10 @ USC
OCT. 17 WASHINGTON
OCT. 31 @ WASHINGTON ST.
NOV. 7 CALIFORNIA
NOV. 14 UCLA
NOV. 21 @ OREGON ST.

OREGON STATE
SEP. 5 KANSAS
SEP. 12 FRESNO ST.
SEP. 19 ARIZONA
SEP. 26 @ UTAH
OCT. 3 @ CALIFORNIA
OCT. 10 WASHINGTON ST.
OCT. 17 @ ARIZONA ST.
OCT. 24 STANFORD
NOV. 7 @ UCLA
NOV. 14 WASHINGTON
NOV. 21 @ WASHINGTON

OTTERBEIN
SEP. 12 @ EARLHAM
SEP. 19 @ FAIRMONT ST.
SEP. 26 OHIO NORTHERN
OCT. 3 HIRAM
OCT. 10 @ BALDWIN-WALLACE
OCT. 17 MARIETTA
OCT. 24 JOHN CARROLL
OCT. 31 @ MOUNT UNION
NOV. 7 MUSKINGUM
NOV. 14 @ CAPITAL

PACE
SEP. 12 @ STONY BROOK
SEP. 19 MARIST
SEP. 26 @ MERCHANT MARINE
OCT. 3 @ LIU-C.W. POST
OCT. 10 @ ST. JOHN'S (NY)
OCT. 17 @ UPSALA
OCT. 24 IONA
OCT. 31 HOBART
NOV. 7 @ WAGNER
NOV. 14 @ HARTWICK

PACIFIC (CALIFORNIA)
SEP. 5 FRESNO ST.
SEP. 12 @ NEVADA
SEP. 19 @ BOISE ST.
SEP. 26 SW MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 3 NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
OCT. 10 @ ARIZONA ST.
OCT. 17 @ NEW MEXICO ST.
OCT. 24 @ WASHINGTON
NOV. 7 CAL ST. FULLERTON
NOV. 14 SAN JOSE ST.
NOV. 21 @ UTAH ST.

PENN. STATE
SEP. 5 @ CINCINNATI
SEP. 12 @ TEMPLE
SEP. 19 @ MICHIGAN
SEP. 26 MARYLAND
OCT. 3 RUTGERS @ E. RUT.
OCT. 10 FORD
OCT. 17 MIAMI (FL)
OCT. 24 BOSTON COLLEGE
OCT. 31 @ WEST VIRGINIA
NOV. 7 BRIGHAM YOUNG
NOV. 14 @ NOTRE DAME
NOV. 21 PITTSBURGH

PENNSYLVANIA
SEP. 19 @ DARTMOUTH
SEP. 26 COLGATE
OCT. 3 @ FORDHAM
OCT. 10 WILLIAM & MARY
OCT. 17 COLUMBIA
OCT. 24 @ BROWN
OCT. 31 YALE
NOV. 7 @ PRINCETON
NOV. 14 HARVARD
NOV. 21 @ CORNELL

PITTSBURG STATE
SEP. 5 FRIENDS
SEP. 12 @ E. TEXAS ST.
SEP. 19 SW BAPTIST
SEP. 26 @ MISSOURI-ROLLA
OCT. 3 @ NW MISSOURI ST.

OCT. 10 NE MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 17 @ MISSOURI WESTERN ST.
OCT. 24 MISSOURI SOUTHERN ST.
OCT. 31 @ EMPORIA ST.
NOV. 7 WASHBURN
NOV. 14 @ CENTRAL MISSOURI ST.

PITTSBURGH
SEP. 5 KENT
SEP. 12 W. VIRGINIA
SEP. 17 @ RUTGERS
SEP. 20 MINNESOTA
OCT. 3 @ MARYLAND
OCT. 10 NOTRE DAME
OCT. 17 @ TEMPLE
OCT. 24 E. CAROLINA
OCT. 31 @ SYRACUSE
NOV. 14 LOUISVILLE
NOV. 21 @ PENN. ST.
DEC. 5 @ HAWAII

PLYMOUTH STATE
SEP. 12 @ WYOMING
SEP. 26 @ WYOMING
OCT. 3 MASS.-LOWELL
OCT. 10 @ W. CONNECTICUT ST.
OCT. 17 MAINE MARITIME
OCT. 24 BRIDGEWATER (MA)
OCT. 31 @ COAST GUARD
NOV. 7 @ STONY BROOK
NOV. 14 WORCESTER TECH

POMONA-PITZER
SEP. 12 @ CAL LUTHERAN
SEP. 19 @ COLORADO COLLEGE
SEP. 26 REDLANDS
OCT. 3 @ LA VERNE
OCT. 10 @ OCCIDENTAL
OCT. 17 WHITTIER
OCT. 24 CLAREMONT M-S
OCT. 31 SAN DIEGO

PORTLAND STATE
SEP. 12 E. WASHINGTON
SEP. 19 TEXAS A&M
SEP. 26 @ SONOMA ST.
OCT. 3 @ S. UTAH
OCT. 10 NEB.-KEARNEY
OCT. 24 @ BOISE ST.
OCT. 31 @ CAL ST. SACRAMENTO
NOV. 7 @ CAL ST. NORTHBRIDGE
NOV. 14 CAL POLY SLO

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M
SEP. 5 TEXAS SOUTHERN @ HOUSTON
SEP. 12 ANGELO ST.
SEP. 19 LANGSTON
OCT. 3 GRAMBLING @ DALLAS
OCT. 10 @ W. TEXAS ST.
OCT. 17 @ ALCORN ST.
OCT. 24 @ ALABAMA ST.
OCT. 31 @ MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
NOV. 7 @ BW TEXAS ST.
NOV. 14 @ JACKSON ST.
NOV. 21 SOUTHERN-B.R.

PRESBYTERIAN
SEP. 5 @ FAIRMONT ST.
SEP. 19 @ FURMAN
SEP. 26 LENOIR RHYNE
OCT. 3 @ WOFFORD
OCT. 10 CATAWBA
OCT. 17 @ ELON
OCT. 24 @ MARS HILL
OCT. 31 WINGATE
NOV. 7 GARDNER WEBB
NOV. 14 @ CARSON NEWMAN
NOV. 20 NEWBERRY

PRINCETON
SEP. 19 @ CORNELL
SEP. 26 LAFAYETTE
OCT. 3 @ LEHIGH
OCT. 10 BROWN
OCT. 17 @ HOLY CROSS
OCT. 24 HARVARD
OCT. 31 @ COLUMBIA
NOV. 7 PENNSYLVANIA
NOV. 14 @ YALE
NOV. 21 DARTMOUTH

PRINCIPIA
SEP. 12 ILLINOIS COLLEGE
SEP. 19 @ GRINNELL
SEP. 26 @ NORTHWESTERN (WI)
OCT. 10 BLACKBURN

OCT. 17 KENTUCKY WESLEYAN
OCT. 24 @ EARLHAM
OCT. 31 @ WASHINGTON (MO)
NOV. 7 CONCORDIA (IL)

PURDUE
SEP. 12 CALIFORNIA
SEP. 19 TOLEDO
SEP. 26 @ NOTRE DAME
OCT. 3 NORTHWESTERN
OCT. 10 MINNESOTA
OCT. 17 @ WISCONSIN
OCT. 24 @ IOWA
OCT. 31 @ MICHIGAN
NOV. 7 @ ILLINOIS
NOV. 14 @ MICHIGAN ST.
NOV. 21 INDIANA

QUINCY
SEP. 12 BENEDICTINE
SEP. 19 @ CENTRAL METHODIST
SEP. 26 @ MACMURRAY
OCT. 3 @ EUREKA
OCT. 10 ILL. BENEDICTINE
OCT. 17 @ GREENVILLE (IL)
OCT. 24 @ DRAKE
OCT. 31 LAKELAND
NOV. 7 @ CONCORDIA (WI)
NOV. 14 CULVER-STOCKTON

RAMAPO
SEP. 12 FERRUM
SEP. 19 @ LIU-C.W. POST
SEP. 26 @ KIAN
OCT. 3 MONTCLAIR ST.
OCT. 10 JERSEY CITY ST.
OCT. 17 @ GLASSBORO ST.
OCT. 23 @ WM. PATERSON
OCT. 31 S. CONNECTICUT ST.
NOV. 14 TRENTON ST.

RANDOLPH-MACON
SEP. 12 WESLEY
SEP. 19 @ CATHOLIC
SEP. 26 JUNIATA
OCT. 3 @ WASH. & LEE
OCT. 10 W. MARYLAND
OCT. 17 @ EMORY & HENRY
OCT. 24 @ WORCESTER TECH
OCT. 31 @ GUILFORD
NOV. 7 BRIDGEWATER (VA)
NOV. 14 @ HAMPTON-SYDNEY

REDLANDS
SEP. 12 @ MENLO
SEP. 19 @ SAN DIEGO
SEP. 26 @ POMONA-PITZER
OCT. 3 CAL ST. HAYWARD
OCT. 17 @ CLAREMONT M-S
OCT. 24 @ LA VERNE
OCT. 31 CAL LUTHERAN
NOV. 7 @ WHITTIER
NOV. 14 OCCIDENTAL

RENSSELAER
SEP. 18 @ COAST GUARD
SEP. 26 UPSALA
OCT. 3 WORCESTER TECH
OCT. 10 @ SIENA
OCT. 17 @ UNION (NY)
OCT. 24 @ MARIST
OCT. 31 @ ROCHESTER
NOV. 7 ST. LAWRENCE
NOV. 14 @ HOBART

RHODE ISLAND
SEP. 12 TOWSON ST.
SEP. 19 @ DELAWARE
SEP. 26 @ RICHMOND
OCT. 3 @ HOFSTRA
OCT. 10 MASSACHUSETTS
OCT. 17 @ MAINE
OCT. 24 BOSTON U.
OCT. 31 @ VILLANOVA
NOV. 7 @ NORTHEASTERN
NOV. 14 NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOV. 21 @ CONNECTICUT

RICE
SEP. 5 @ AIR FORCE
SEP. 19 @ DUKE
SEP. 26 @ SAM HOUSTON ST.
OCT. 3 @ TEXAS
OCT. 10 @ SMU
OCT. 17 @ TEXAS A&M
OCT. 24 @ TEXAS CHRISTIAN

NOV. 7 TEXAS TECH
NOV. 14 BAYLOR
NOV. 21 NAVY
NOV. 28 @ HOUSTON

RHODES
SEP. 12 @ CLAREMONT M-S
SEP. 19 NAVY
SEP. 26 KENTUCKY WESLEYAN
OCT. 3 LAMBUTH
OCT. 10 WASHINGTON (MO)
OCT. 17 @ SEWanee
OCT. 24 @ MARYVILLE (TN)
OCT. 31 @ TRINITY (TN)
NOV. 7 @ MILSAPS
NOV. 14 @ CENTRE

RICHMOND
SEP. 12 JAMES MADISON
SEP. 19 @ VILLANOVA
SEP. 26 @ RHODE ISLAND
OCT. 3 MAINE
OCT. 10 NEW HAMPSHIRE
OCT. 17 @ BOSTON UNIVERSITY
OCT. 24 VA. MILITARY @ NORFOLK
OCT. 31 @ CONNECTICUT
NOV. 7 MASSACHUSETTS
NOV. 14 DELAWARE
NOV. 21 WILLIAM & MARY

RIPON
SEP. 12 LAKELAND
SEP. 19 @ NW MINNESOTA
SEP. 26 @ COE
OCT. 3 @ KNOX
OCT. 10 @ BELOIT
OCT. 17 LAKE FOREST
OCT. 24 @ ST. NORBERT
OCT. 31 CARROLL (WI)
NOV. 7 @ LAWRENCE

ROCHESTER
SEP. 12 CASE RESERVE
SEP. 19 @ CARNEGIE MELLON
SEP. 26 WASHINGTON (MO)
OCT. 3 @ CHICAGO
OCT. 10 @ HOBART
OCT. 17 ST. JOHN FISHER
OCT. 24 @ ST. LAWRENCE
OCT. 31 RENSSELAER
NOV. 7 UNION (NY)

ROSE-HULMAN
SEP. 5 WASHINGTON (MO)
SEP. 12 @ KNOX
SEP. 26 EVANSVILLE
OCT. 3 TAYLOR
OCT. 10 @ DEPAUW
OCT. 17 @ FRANKLIN
OCT. 24 HANOVER
OCT. 31 @ WABASH
NOV. 7 ANDERSON
NOV. 14 @ MANCHESTER

RUTGERS
SEP. 5 @ BOSTON COLLEGE
SEP. 12 COLGATE
SEP. 17 PITTSBURGH
SEP. 26 @ NAVY
OCT. 3 PENN. ST. @ E. RUTHERFORD
OCT. 10 @ SYRACUSE
OCT. 17 ARMY @ E. RUTHERFORD
OCT. 31 VIRGINIA TECH
NOV. 7 @ CINCINNATI
NOV. 14 W. VIRGINIA
NOV. 21 @ TEMPLE

CAL ST. SACRAMENTO
SEP. 5 @ MONTANA ST.
SEP. 19 @ ABILENE CHRISTIAN
SEP. 26 @ CAL ST. FULLERTON
OCT. 3 @ UC DAVIS
OCT. 10 @ CAL ST. CHICO
OCT. 17 @ CAL POLY SLO
OCT. 24 @ UTAH
OCT. 31 PORTLAND ST.
NOV. 7 SANTA CLARA
NOV. 14 @ CAL ST. NORTHBRIDGE

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY
SEP. 19 ST. JOHN'S (NY)
SEP. 26 @ ST. PETER'S
OCT. 3 @ STONY BROOK
OCT. 10 MASS. LOWELL
OCT. 17 @ NICHOLS
OCT. 24 CATHOLIC



"I love what you do for me."

TOYOTA

OCT. 31 @ IONA
 NOV 7 STONEHILL
 NOV 14 @ ASHLAND
 SEP 5 HILLSDALE
 SEP 12 @ WAYNE ST (MI)
 SEP 19 @ N. MICHIGAN
 SEP 26 ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)
 OCT. 3 @ GRAND VALLEY ST.
 OCT. 10 ASHLAND
 OCT. 17 @ INDIANAPOLIS
 OCT. 24 NORTHWOOD
 OCT. 31 VALPARAISO
 NOV. 7 @ FERRIS ST.
 NOV 14 BUTLER

ST. CLOUD STATE

SEP 5 @ IDAHO
 SEP 12 @ MINN DULUTH
 SEP 19 NEB. OMAHA
 OCT. 26 @ N. COLORADO
 OCT. 3 MANKATO ST.
 OCT. 10 @ N. DAKOTA ST.
 OCT. 17 N. DAKOTA ST.
 OCT. 24 @ S. DAKOTA
 OCT. 31 S. DAKOTA ST.
 NOV 7 AUGUSTANA (SD)
 NOV 14 @ MORNINGGLIDE

ST. FRANCIS (PENNSYLVANIA)

SEP 5 @ GANNON
 SEP 12 @ CANISIUS
 SEP 19 WAGNER
 SEP 26 MERCYHURST
 OCT. 3 @ GALLAUDET
 OCT. 10 @ MARIST
 OCT. 17 ST. PETER'S
 OCT. 24 @ HARTWICK
 OCT. 31 ST. JOHN FISHER
 NOV 7 @ DUQUESNE

ST. JOHN FISHER

SEP 5 CATHOLIC
 SEP 12 @ ALFRED
 SEP 19 HOBART
 SEP 26 HARTWICK
 OCT. 10 @ CANISIUS
 OCT. 17 @ ROCHESTER
 OCT. 24 BROCKPORT ST.
 OCT. 31 @ ST. FRANCIS (PA)
 NOV 7 @ GALLAUDET
 NOV 14 @ STONY BROOK

ST. JOHN'S (MINNESOTA)

SEP. 12 @ BEMIDJI ST.
 SEP. 19 @ AUGSBURG
 SEP. 26 ST. OLAF
 OCT. 3 @ GUST ADOLPHUS
 OCT. 10 @ HAMLINE
 OCT. 17 BETHEL (MN)
 OCT. 24 @ ST. THOMAS (MN)
 OCT. 31 @ MACALESTER
 NOV. 7 @ CARLETON
 NOV 14 @ CONCORDIA-M'HEAD @ MINNEAPOLIS

ST. JOHN'S (NEW YORK)

SEP 12 @ IOWA
 SEP 19 @ SACRED HEART
 SEP 26 WAGNER
 OCT. 2 @ FOU MADISON
 OCT. 9 PACE
 OCT. 17 DUQUESNE
 OCT. 23 LIU C.W. POST
 OCT. 31 @ MARIST
 NOV. 7 @ GEORGETOWN
 NOV 14 @ BENILEY

ST. JOSEPH'S (INDIANA)

SEP 5 GRAND VALLEY ST.
 SEP 12 @ BUTLER
 SEP 19 INDIANAPOLIS
 SEP 26 @ SAGINAW VALLEY
 OCT. 3 VALPARAISO
 OCT. 17 @ ASHLAND
 OCT. 24 HILLSDALE
 OCT. 31 @ WAYNE ST (MI)
 NOV 7 N. MICHIGAN
 NOV 14 @ FERRIS ST.

ST. LAWRENCE

SEP 12 @ UNION (NY)
 SEP 26 @ CANISIUS
 OCT. 3 @ HOBART
 OCT. 10 ALFRED

OCT. 17 ITHACA
 OCT. 24 ROCHESTER
 OCT. 31 NORWICH
 NOV 7 @ RENSSLAER
 NOV 14 ALBANY (NY)

ST. MARY'S (CALIFORNIA)

SEP 5 SAN FRAN. ST.
 SEP 12 @ CAL ST. HAYWARD
 SEP 19 HUMBOLDT ST.
 SEP 26 @ UC DAVIS
 OCT. 3 @ CAL ST. CHICO
 OCT. 10 SONOMA ST.
 OCT. 17 @ S. UTAH
 NOV. 7 W. NEW MEXICO
 NOV 14 SANTA CLARA

ST. NORBERT

SEP. 12 @ WIS. OSKOSH
 SEP. 19 @ CONCORDIA (WI)
 SEP. 26 @ CORNELL COLLEGE
 OCT. 3 @ GRINNELL
 OCT. 10 @ LAKE FOREST
 OCT. 17 @ LAWRENCE
 OCT. 24 @ HIPON
 OCT. 31 @ BELoit
 NOV. 7 @ CARROLL (WI)

ST. OLAF

SEP 12 @ LUTHER
 SEP 19 ST. THOMAS (MN)
 SEP 26 @ ST. JOHN'S (MN)
 OCT. 3 @ MACALESTER
 OCT. 10 @ GUST ADOLPHUS
 OCT. 17 @ CARLETON
 OCT. 24 @ HAMLINE
 OCT. 31 @ CONCORDIA-M'HEAD
 NOV. 7 @ BETHEL (MN)
 NOV. 13 @ AUGSBURG @ MINNEAPOLIS

ST. PETER'S

SEP 12 @ ASSUMPTION
 SEP 19 HARTWICK
 SEP 26 SACRED HEART
 OCT. 3 @ W. NEW ENGLAND
 OCT. 10 @ GEORGETOWN
 OCT. 17 @ ST. FRANCIS (PA)
 OCT. 24 GALLAUDET
 NOV. 7 @ SIENA
 NOV. 14 @ JERSEY CITY ST.

ST. THOMAS (MINNESOTA)

SEP 12 WIS.-RIVER FALLS
 SEP. 19 @ ST. OLAF
 SEP. 26 @ MACALESTER
 OCT. 3 @ CARLETON
 OCT. 10 @ CONCORDIA-M'HEAD
 OCT. 17 @ AUGSBURG
 OCT. 24 @ ST. JOHN'S (MN)
 OCT. 31 @ GUST ADOLPHUS
 NOV. 7 @ HAMLINE
 NOV. 14 @ BETHEL (MN)

SALISBURY STATE

SEP. 12 LIU-C.W. POST
 SEP. 19 @ METHODIST
 SEP. 26 @ PHILADELPHIA ST.
 OCT. 3 @ GUILFORD
 OCT. 10 GLASSBORO ST.
 OCT. 24 MONTCLAIR ST.
 OCT. 31 @ ALBANY (NY)
 NOV. 7 NEWPORT NEWS APP.
 NOV. 14 KEAN

SAM HOUSTON STATE

SEP 12 W. ILLINOIS
 SEP 19 ANGELO ST.
 SEP 26 @ RICE
 OCT. 3 @ ALCOHN ST.
 OCT. 10 @ NICHOLLS ST.
 OCT. 17 @ NE LOUISIANA
 OCT. 24 @ N. TEXAS
 OCT. 31 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
 NOV. 7 @ NORTHWESTERN (LA)
 NOV. 14 @ MCNEESE ST.
 NOV. 21 @ SW TEXAS ST.

SAMFORD

SEP 5 W. GEORGIA
 SEP. 12 @ ALBURN
 SEP. 19 @ TENNESSEE TECH
 SEP. 26 @ BETHUNE-COOKMAN

OCT. 3 @ W. CAROLINA
 OCT. 10 @ F. KENTUCKY
 OCT. 17 @ SE MISSOURI ST.
 OCT. 31 @ ALA.-BIRMINGHAM
 NOV. 7 @ TROY ST.
 NOV. 14 @ TENN.-MARTIN
 NOV. 21 @ CENTRAL FLORIDA

SAN DIEGO

SEP. 5 @ CAL ST. HAYWARD
 SEP. 12 @ LA VERNE
 SEP. 19 @ REDLANDS
 SEP. 26 @ CLAREMONT-M-S
 OCT. 3 @ CAL LUTHERAN
 OCT. 10 @ WHITTIER
 OCT. 17 @ AZUSA-PACIFIC
 OCT. 24 @ OCCIDENTAL
 OCT. 31 @ POMONA-PITZER
 NOV. 7 @ MERRICK

SAN DIEGO STATE

SEP. 5 @ S. CALIFORNIA
 SEP. 12 @ BRIGHAM YOUNG
 SEP. 26 @ UCLA
 OCT. 1.3 @ NEW MEXICO
 OCT. 17 @ UTEP
 OCT. 24 @ AIR FORCE
 OCT. 31 @ COLORADO ST.
 NOV. 7 @ WYOMING
 NOV. 14 @ HAWAII
 NOV. 21 @ FRESNO ST.
 NOV. 28 @ MIAMI (FL)

SAN FRANCISCO STATE

SEP 5 @ ST. MARY'S (CA)
 SEP 19 @ CAL ST. NORTHBRIDGE
 SEP 26 @ SANTA CLARA
 OCT. 10 @ MENLO
 OCT. 17 @ HUMBOLDT ST.
 OCT. 24 @ CAL ST. CHICO
 OCT. 31 @ CAL ST. HAYWARD
 NOV. 7 @ UC DAVIS
 NOV. 14 @ SONOMA ST.

SAN JOSE STATE

SEP 5 @ CALIFORNIA
 SEP 12 @ MINNESOTA
 SEP 19 @ SW LOUISIANA
 SEP 26 @ STANFORD
 OCT. 3 @ WYOMING
 OCT. 10 @ CAL ST. FULLERTON
 OCT. 25 @ UTAH ST.
 OCT. 31 @ NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
 NOV. 7 @ NEVADA
 NOV. 14 @ PACIFIC (CA)
 NOV. 21 @ NEW MEXICO ST.

SANTA CLARA

SEP. 5 @ CAL ST. CHICO
 SEP. 12 @ SONOMA ST.
 SEP. 19 @ JC DAVIS
 SEP. 26 @ SAN FRAN. ST.
 OCT. 3 @ HUMBOLDT ST.
 OCT. 10 @ S. UTAH
 OCT. 17 @ CAL ST. NORTHBRIDGE
 OCT. 24 @ CAL POLY SLO
 NOV. 7 @ CAL ST. SACRAMENTO
 NOV. 14 @ ST. MARY'S (CA)

SAVANNAH STATE

SEP. 5 @ BETHUNE-COOKMAN @ JACKSONVILLE
 SEP. 12 @ TUSKEGEE @ DETROIT
 SEP. 19 @ GEORGIA SOUTHERN
 SEP. 26 @ ALABAMA A&M
 OCT. 3 @ CENTRAL FLORIDA
 OCT. 10 @ ALBANY ST. (GA)
 OCT. 17 @ MORRIS BROWN
 OCT. 24 @ LIVINGSTONE
 OCT. 31 @ MOREHOUSE
 NOV. 7 @ FORT VALLEY ST.
 NOV. 14 @ MILES

SEWanee (UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH)

SEP 12 @ DAVIDSON
 SEP 19 @ TENN. WESLEYAN
 SEP 26 @ MARYVILLE (TN)
 OCT. 3 @ VMI
 OCT. 17 @ RHODES
 OCT. 24 @ WASH. & LEE
 OCT. 31 @ TRINITY (TX)
 NOV. 7 @ KENTUCKY WESLEYAN

SHEPHERD

SEP. 5 @ SHIPPENSBURG
 SEP. 12 @ MILLERSVILLE
 SEP. 19 @ GLENVILLE ST.
 SEP. 26 @ WEST LIBERTY ST.
 OCT. 3 @ W. VIRGINIA ST.
 OCT. 17 @ W. VIRGINIA WESLEYAN
 OCT. 24 @ CONCORD
 OCT. 31 @ W. VIRGINIA TECH
 NOV. 7 @ FAIRMONT ST.
 NOV. 14 @ NEW HAVEN

SHIPPENSBURG

SEP. 5 @ SHEPHERD
 SEP. 12 @ BLOOMSBURG
 SEP. 19 @ KUTZTOWN
 SEP. 26 @ MILLERSVILLE
 OCT. 3 @ SLIPPERY ROCK
 OCT. 10 @ INDIANA (PA)
 OCT. 17 @ EDINBORO
 OCT. 24 @ CLARION
 OCT. 31 @ LOCK HAVEN
 NOV. 7 @ WEST CHESTER
 NOV. 14 @ CALIFORNIA (PA)

SIENA

SEP 12 @ MARIST
 SEP 19 @ IONA
 OCT. 2 @ HARTWICK
 OCT. 10 @ RENSSLAER
 OCT. 17 @ BENTLEY
 OCT. 24 @ STONEHILL
 OCT. 31 @ ASSUMPTION
 NOV. 7 @ ST. PETER'S
 NOV. 14 @ W. NEW ENGLAND

SIMPSON

SEP 12 @ BRAKE
 SEP 19 @ LUTHER
 SEP 26 @ BUENA VISTA
 OCT. 3 @ LORAIN
 OCT. 10 @ CENTRAL (IA)
 OCT. 24 @ DUBUQUE
 NOV. 7 @ WILLIAM PENN.
 NOV. 14 @ UPPER IOWA

SLIPPERY ROCK

SEP. 12 @ FAIRMONT ST.
 SEP. 19 @ ASHLAND
 OCT. 3 @ SHIPPENSBURG
 OCT. 10 @ CALIFORNIA (PA)
 OCT. 17 @ CHEYNEY
 OCT. 24 @ INDIANA (PA)
 OCT. 31 @ EDINBORO
 NOV. 7 @ CLARION
 NOV. 14 @ LOCK HAVEN

SONOMA STATE

SEP. 12 @ SANTA CLARA
 SEP. 19 @ E. WASHINGTON
 SEP. 26 @ FORT LANE ST.
 OCT. 3 @ CAL POLY SLO
 OCT. 10 @ ST. MARY'S (CA)
 OCT. 17 @ UC DAVIS
 OCT. 24 @ CAL ST. HAYWARD
 OCT. 31 @ HUMBOLDT ST.
 NOV. 7 @ CAL ST. CHICO
 NOV. 14 @ SAN FRAN. ST.

SOUTH CAROLINA

SEP. 5 @ GEORGIA
 SEP. 12 @ ARKANSAS
 SEP. 19 @ CAROLINA
 SEP. 26 @ KENTUCKY
 OCT. 3 @ ALABAMA
 OCT. 17 @ MISSISSIPPI
 OCT. 24 @ VANDERBILT
 OCT. 31 @ TENNESSEE
 NOV. 7 @ LOUISIANA TECH
 NOV. 14 @ FLORIDA
 NOV. 21 @ CLEMSON

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

SEP 5 @ KENTUCKY
 SEP 12 @ FLORIDA A&M
 SEP 19 @ SOUTHERN B.B. @ ATLANTA
 OCT. 3 @ JACKSON ST. @ COLUMBIA
 OCT. 10 @ MORGAN ST.
 OCT. 17 @ BETHUNE-COOKMAN
 OCT. 24 @ N.C. CENTRAL
 OCT. 31 @ DELAWARE ST.

NOV. 7 @ HOWARD
 NOV. 14 @ CHAMBERLAIN ST. @ DELAWARE
 NOV. 21 @ N. CAROLINA A&T

SOUTH DAKOTA

SEP. 5 @ NORTHERN ST. (SD)
 SEP. 12 @ S. DAKOTA ST.
 SEP. 19 @ MORRINGSIDE
 SEP. 26 @ N. DAKOTA
 OCT. 3 @ N. DAKOTA ST.
 OCT. 10 @ S. DAKOTA ST.
 OCT. 17 @ AUGUSTANA (SD)
 OCT. 24 @ ST. CLOUD ST.
 OCT. 31 @ MANKATO ST.
 NOV. 7 @ N. COLORADO
 NOV. 14 @ NEB.-OMAHA

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

SEP. 12 @ S. DAKOTA
 SEP. 19 @ N. DAKOTA
 SEP. 26 @ N. DAKOTA ST.
 OCT. 3 @ NEB.-OMAHA
 OCT. 10 @ S. DAKOTA
 OCT. 17 @ MORRINGSIDE
 OCT. 24 @ AUGUSTANA (SD)
 OCT. 31 @ ST. CLOUD ST.
 NOV. 7 @ MANKATO ST.
 NOV. 14 @ N. COLORADO

MASS.-DARTMOUTH

SEP 12 @ STONEHILL
 SEP 19 @ WORCESTER ST.
 SEP 26 @ MASS. MARITIME
 OCT. 10 @ MAINE MARITIME
 OCT. 17 @ MASS. BOSTON
 OCT. 24 @ FITCHBURG ST.
 OCT. 31 @ FRAMINGHAM ST.
 NOV. 7 @ WESTFIELD ST.
 NOV. 14 @ BRIDGEWATER (MA)

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

SEP 3 @ MURRAY ST.
 SEP. 12 @ S. ILLINOIS
 SEP. 26 @ AUSTIN PEAY
 OCT. 3 @ E. KENTUCKY
 OCT. 10 @ TENNESSEE TECH
 OCT. 17 @ SANFORD
 OCT. 24 @ MIDDLE TENN. ST.
 OCT. 31 @ TENN.-MARTIN
 NOV. 7 @ MOREHEAD ST.
 NOV. 14 @ ILLINOIS ST.
 NOV. 21 @ TENNESSEE ST.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SEP 5 @ SAN DIEGO ST.
 SEP. 10 @ OKLAHOMA
 OCT. 3 @ WASHINGTON
 OCT. 10 @ OREGON
 OCT. 17 @ CALIFORNIA
 OCT. 24 @ WASHINGTON ST.
 OCT. 31 @ ARIZONA ST.
 NOV. 7 @ STANFORD
 NOV. 14 @ ARIZONA
 NOV. 21 @ UCLA
 NOV. 28 @ NOTRE DAME

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE

OCT. 12 @ C. STROUDSBURG
 SEP. 19 @ EDINBORO
 SEP. 26 @ SPRINGFIELD
 OCT. 4 @ AMERICAN INT'L
 OCT. 6 @ HOUSTON
 OCT. 16 @ TRENTON ST.
 OCT. 24 @ NEW HAVEN
 OCT. 31 @ RAMAPO
 NOV. 7 @ CENTRAL CONN. ST.
 NOV. 14 @ CORTLAND ST.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

SEP. 5 @ TROY ST.
 SEP. 12 @ SE MISSOURI ST.
 SEP. 19 @ AUSTIN PEAY
 SEP. 26 @ ARKANSAS ST.
 OCT. 3 @ E. ILLINOIS
 OCT. 10 @ W. ILLINOIS
 OCT. 17 @ N. IOWA
 OCT. 24 @ ILLINOIS ST.
 OCT. 31 @ W. KENTUCKY
 NOV. 7 @ SW MISSOURI ST.
 NOV. 21 @ INDIANA ST.

SOUTHERN METHODIST	
SEP. 5	TULANE
SEP. 12	N. TEXAS
SEP. 19	NEW MEXICO
SEP. 26	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
OCT. 3	BAYLOR
OCT. 10	RICE
OCT. 24	TEXAS TECH
OCT. 31	TEXAS A&M
NOV. 7	HOUSTON
NOV. 14	TEXAS
NOV. 21	ARKANSAS @ LITTLE ROCK

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	
SEP. 5	MEMPHIS ST.
SEP. 12	ALA. @ BIRMINGHAM
SEP. 19	LOUISIANA TECH
OCT. 3	AUBURN
OCT. 10	TLSA
OCT. 17	N. ILLINOIS
OCT. 24	TULANE
OCT. 31	CINCINNATI
NOV. 7	E. CAROLINA
NOV. 14	FLORIDA
NOV. 21	VIRGINIA TECH

SOUTHERN-BATON ROUGE	
SEP. 12	ALABAMA ST.
SEP. 19	S. CAROL. @ ATLANTA
OCT. 3	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
OCT. 10	WASH. STATE @ SPOKANE
OCT. 17	JACKSON ST.
OCT. 24	ALCORN ST.
OCT. 31	NICHOLLS ST.
NOV. 7	FLORIDA A&M
NOV. 14	TEXAS SOUTHERN
NOV. 21	FRANKLIN VIEW
NOV. 28	ORANGE @ NEW ORLEANS

SOUTHERN UTAH	
SEP. 5	N. ARIZONA
SEP. 12	WEBER ST.
SEP. 19	CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
SEP. 26	ANGELO ST.
OCT. 3	PORTLAND ST.
OCT. 10	SANTA CLARA
OCT. 17	ST. MARY'S (CA)
OCT. 24	CAL ST. SACRAMENTO
OCT. 31	CAL ST. NORTHRIDGE
NOV. 7	CAL. POLY SLO
NOV. 14	IDAHO ST.

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST	
SEP. 5	OUACHITA BAPT.
SEP. 12	PITTSBURG ST.
SEP. 19	CENTRAL MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 3	NE MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 10	MISSOURI WESTERN ST.
OCT. 17	MISSOURI SOUTHERN ST.
OCT. 24	EMPORIA ST.
OCT. 31	WASHBURN
NOV. 7	MISSOURI ROLLA
NOV. 14	NW MISSOURI ST.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	
SEP. 5	TENNESSEE
SEP. 12	NE LOUISIANA
SEP. 19	SAN JOSE ST.
OCT. 3	HOUSTON
OCT. 10	LOUISIANA TECH
OCT. 17	CAL ST. FULLERTON
OCT. 24	AUBURN
OCT. 31	TULSA
NOV. 7	N. ILLINOIS
NOV. 14	ARKANSAS ST.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE	
SEP. 5	MCNEESE ST.
SEP. 12	WASHBURN
SEP. 19	N. TEXAS
SEP. 26	W. KENTUCKY
OCT. 3	W. ILLINOIS
OCT. 10	TULSA
OCT. 17	ILLINOIS ST.
OCT. 24	E. ILLINOIS
NOV. 7	G. ILLINOIS
NOV. 14	INDIANA ST.
NOV. 21	N. IOWA

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE	
SEP. 5	TEXAS A&I
SEP. 12	TEXAS SOUTHERN @ SAN ANTONIO
SEP. 19	YOUNGSTOWN ST.
SEP. 26	NE LOUISIANA
OCT. 3	NICHOLLS ST.
OCT. 10	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
OCT. 24	MCNEESE ST.
OCT. 31	NORTHWESTERN (LA)
NOV. 7	PRAIRIE VIEW
NOV. 14	N. TEXAS
NOV. 21	SAM HOUSTON ST.

SPRINGFIELD	
SEP. 11	AMERICAN INT'L
SEP. 18	ALBANY (NY)
SEP. 25	S. LUNenburg ST.

OCT. 3	ITHACA
OCT. 16	CENTRAL CONN. ST.
OCT. 24	CORTLAND ST.
OCT. 31	NEW HAVEN
NOV. 7	LIU-C.W. POST
NOV. 14	AMERICAN INT'L

STANFORD	
AUG. 28	TEXAS A&M @ ANAHEIM
SEP. 12	OREGON
SEP. 19	NORTHWESTERN
SEP. 26	SAN JOSE ST.
OCT. 3	NOTRE DAME
OCT. 10	UCLA
OCT. 17	ARIZONA
OCT. 24	OREGON ST.
OCT. 31	WASHINGTON
NOV. 7	S. CALIF. ORNIA
NOV. 14	WASHINGTON ST.
NOV. 21	CALIFORNIA

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	
SEP. 5	ARK. MONTICELLO
SEP. 12	MONTANA ST.
SEP. 19	JACKSON ST.
SEP. 26	BOISE ST.
OCT. 10	SW TEXAS ST.
OCT. 17	N. TEXAS
OCT. 24	NICHOLLS ST.
OCT. 31	SAM HOUSTON ST.
NOV. 7	MCNEESE ST.
NOV. 14	NE LOUISIANA
NOV. 21	NORTHWESTERN (LA)

STONEMILL	
SEP. 12	MASS. DARTMOUTH
SEP. 19	NICHOLS
SEP. 26	ASSUMPTION
OCT. 3	CURRY
OCT. 10	W. NEW ENGLAND
OCT. 17	MIT
OCT. 24	SIENA
OCT. 31	BENTLEY
NOV. 7	SACRED HEART
NOV. 14	MASS.-LOWELL

STONY BROOK	
SEP. 12	PACE
SEP. 19	BENTLEY
SEP. 26	COAST GUARD
OCT. 3	SACRED HEART
OCT. 10	GETTYSBURG
OCT. 17	WESLEY
OCT. 24	MERCHANT MARINE
OCT. 31	W. CONNECTICUT ST.
NOV. 7	PLYMOUTH ST.
NOV. 14	ST. JOHN FISHER

SUSQUEHANNA	
SEP. 12	MUHLBERG
SEP. 19	MORAVIAN
SEP. 26	WILKES
OCT. 3	LEBANON VALLEY
OCT. 10	DELAWARE VALLEY
OCT. 17	MASS.-LOWELL
OCT. 24	WIDENER
OCT. 31	JUNIATA
NOV. 7	LYCOMING
NOV. 14	ALBRIGHT

SWARTHMORE	
SEP. 12	CATHOLIC
SEP. 19	JOHNS HOPKINS
SEP. 26	GETTYSBURG
OCT. 3	URSINUS
OCT. 10	MUHLBERG
OCT. 17	GEORGETOWN
OCT. 24	DICKINSON
OCT. 31	FRANK. & MARSH.
NOV. 7	W. MARYLAND

SYRACUSE	
SEP. 5	E. CAROLINA
SEP. 12	TEXAS
SEP. 19	OHIO ST.
OCT. 3	LOUISVILLE
OCT. 10	RUTGERS
OCT. 17	W. VIRGINIA
OCT. 24	TEMPLE
OCT. 31	PITTSBURGH
NOV. 7	VIRGINIA TECH
NOV. 14	BOSTON COLLEGE
NOV. 21	MIAMI (FL)

TEMPLE	
SEP. 5	BOSTON U.
SEP. 12	PENN ST.
SEP. 19	VIRGINIA TECH
SEP. 26	KANSAS ST.
OCT. 3	WASHINGTON ST.
OCT. 17	PITTSBURGH
OCT. 24	SYRACUSE
OCT. 31	BOSTON COLLEGE
NOV. 7	AKRON
NOV. 14	MIAM (FL)
NOV. 21	RUTGERS

TENNESSEE	
SEP. 5	SW LOUISIANA
SEP. 12	GEORGIA
SEP. 19	FLORIDA
SEP. 26	CINCINNATI
OCT. 3	LOUISIANA ST.
OCT. 10	ARKANSAS
OCT. 17	ALABAMA
OCT. 24	G. CAROLINA
NOV. 14	MEMPH. ST.
NOV. 21	KENTUCKY
NOV. 28	VANDERBILT

TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA	
SEP. 5	ROSE ST.
SEP. 12	TENN.-MARTIN
SEP. 26	CENTRAL ARKANSAS
OCT. 3	CLEMSON
OCT. 10	CITADEL
OCT. 17	W. CAROLINA
OCT. 24	MARSHALL
OCT. 31	APPALACHIAN ST.
NOV. 7	E. TENNESSEE ST.
NOV. 14	FURMAN
NOV. 21	VA. MILITARY

TENNESSEE-MARTIN	
SEP. 5	DELTA ST.
SEP. 12	TENN.-CHATT.
SEP. 26	MORHEAD ST.
OCT. 3	TENNESSEE TECH
OCT. 10	MURRAY ST.
OCT. 17	TENNESSEE ST.
OCT. 24	F. KENTUCKY
OCT. 31	SE MISSOURI ST.
NOV. 7	MIDDLE TENN. ST.
NOV. 14	SAMFORD
NOV. 21	AUSTIN PEAY

TENNESSEE STATE	
SEP. 5	MIDDLE TENN. ST. @ NASHVILLE
SEP. 12	JACKSON ST. @ MEMPHIS
SEP. 19	GRAMBLING
SEP. 26	FLORIDA A&M @ ATLANTA
OCT. 10	MOREHEAD ST.
OCT. 17	TENN.-MARTIN
OCT. 24	AUSTIN PEAY
OCT. 31	E. KENTUCKY
NOV. 7	TENNESSEE TECH
NOV. 14	MURRAY ST.
NOV. 21	SE MISSOURI ST.

TENNESSEE TECH	
SEP. 12	LOCK HAVEN
SEP. 19	SAMFORD
SEP. 26	E. KENTUCKY
OCT. 3	TENN.-MARTIN
OCT. 10	SE MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 17	AUSTIN PEAY
OCT. 24	MOREHEAD ST.
OCT. 31	MURRAY ST.
NOV. 7	TENNESSEE ST.
NOV. 14	MARSHALL
NOV. 21	MIDDLE TENN. ST.

TEXAS	
SEP. 5	MISSISSIPPI ST.
SEP. 12	SYRACUSE
SEP. 26	N. TEXAS
OCT. 3	RIC
OCT. 10	OKLAHOMA @ DALLAS
OCT. 24	HOUSTON
OCT. 31	TEXAS TECH
NOV. 7	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
NOV. 14	SMU
NOV. 21	BAYLOR
NOV. 28	TEXAS A&M

UTEP	
SEP. 5	BRIGHAM YOUNG
SEP. 12	NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
SEP. 19	NEW MEXICO ST.
OCT. 3	AIR FORCE
OCT. 10	COLORADO ST.
OCT. 17	SAN DIEGO ST.
OCT. 24	UTAH
OCT. 31	HAWAII
NOV. 7	TULSA
NOV. 14	NEW MEX. CO.
NOV. 28	FRESNO ST.

UTAS A&I	
SEP. 5	SW TEXAS ST.
SEP. 12	NICHOLLS ST.
SEP. 19	PORTLAND ST.
OCT. 3	CAMERON

OCT. 10	E. TEXAS ST.
OCT. 17	CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
OCT. 24	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
OCT. 31	E. NEW MEXICO
NOV. 7	ABILENE CHRISTIAN
NOV. 14	ANGELO ST.

TEXAS A&M	
AUG. 28	STANFORD @ ANAHEIM
SEP. 5	LOUISIANA ST.
SEP. 12	TULSA
SEP. 19	MISSOURI
OCT. 3	TEXAS TECH
OCT. 17	RICE
OCT. 24	RAV. DR.
OCT. 31	SMU
NOV. 7	LOUISVILLE
NOV. 14	HOUSTON
NOV. 21	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
NOV. 28	TEXAS

TEXAS CHRISTIAN	
SEP. 5	NEW MEXICO
SEP. 12	W. MICHIGAN
SEP. 26	SMU
OCT. 3	OKLAHOMA ST.
OCT. 10	BAYLOR
OCT. 17	MIAMI (FL)
OCT. 24	RICE
OCT. 31	HOUSTON
NOV. 7	TEXAS
NOV. 14	TEXAS TECH
NOV. 21	TEXAS A&M

TEXAS SOUTHERN	
SEP. 5	PRAIRIE VIEW @ HOUSTON
SEP. 12	SW TEXAS ST. @ SAN ANTONIO
SEP. 26	CENTRAL ST. (OH)
OCT. 10	ALCORN ST.
OCT. 17	KNOXVILLE
OCT. 24	ALABAMA ST. @ MOBILE
OCT. 31	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
NOV. 7	GRAMBLING
NOV. 14	JACKSON ST.
NOV. 21	SO. J. HEHRN-S.R.
NOV. 28	NEVADA

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY	
SEP. 3	OKLAHOMA
SEP. 12	WYOMING
SEP. 19	OREGON
SEP. 26	BAYLOR
OCT. 3	TEXAS A&M
OCT. 10	N. CAROLINA ST.
OCT. 24	SMU
OCT. 31	TEXAS
NOV. 7	RICE
NOV. 14	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
NOV. 21	HOUSTON

TULI	
SEP. 5	ALBION
SEP. 12	OSERLIN
SEP. 19	FROSTBURG ST.
SEP. 26	DUQUESNE
OCT. 3	BEAHM (W. VA.)
OCT. 10	WASH. & JEFF.
OCT. 17	GROVE CITY
OCT. 24	WAYNESBURG
OCT. 31	GANNON

THOMAS MORE	
SEP. 5	CUMBERLAND (TN)
SEP. 12	HANOVER
SEP. 19	WILMINGTON (OH)
SEP. 26	FRANKLIN
OCT. 10	WAYNESBURG
OCT. 17	TENN. WESLEYAN
OCT. 24	DAYTON
OCT. 31	DEFIANCE
NOV. 7	MT. ST. JOSEPH
NOV. 14	BLUFFTON

TULFORD	
SEP. 5	ARKANSAS ST.
SEP. 12	AKRON
SEP. 19	PURDUE
SEP. 26	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
OCT. 10	W. MICHIGAN
OCT. 17	BOWL M. GREEN
OCT. 24	MIAMI (OH)
OCT. 31	KENT
NOV. 7	BALL ST.
NOV. 14	E. MICHIGAN
NOV. 21	N. ILLINOIS

TOWSON STATE	
SEP. 12	RHODE ISLAND
SEP. 19	BUCKNELL
SEP. 26	MINTHANA
OCT. 3	LIBERTY
OCT. 10	DEI AWARE ST.
OCT. 17	WILLIAM & MARY
OCT. 24	JAMES MADISON
OCT. 31	INDIANA (PA)
NOV. 14	NORTHEASTERN
NOV. 21	DELAWARE

TRENTON STATE	
SEP. 5	WESLEY
SEP. 11	CENTRAL CONN. ST.
SEP. 18	WM. PATERSON
OCT. 3	GLASSBORO ST.
OCT. 10	PEN. MARIAN
OCT. 17	S. CONNECTICUT ST.
OCT. 24	JERSEY CITY ST.
OCT. 31	MONTCLAIR ST.
NOV. 7	KEAN
NOV. 14	RAMAPO

TRINITY (CONNECTICUT)	
SEP. 26	BATES
OCT. 3	WILLIAMS
OCT. 10	HAMILTON
OCT. 17	TUFTS
OCT. 24	BOWDOIN
OCT. 31	MIDDLEBURY
NOV. 7	AMHERST
NOV. 14	WESLEYAN

TRINITY (TEXAS)	
SEP. 12	TABOR
SEP. 19	AUSTIN
SEP. 26	OKLAHOMA @ AL.
OCT. 3	WASHINGTON (MO)
OCT. 10	CARNEGIE MELLON
OCT. 17	COLORADO COL.
OCT. 24	CENTRE
OCT. 31	RHODES
NOV. 7	SEAWANEE
NOV. 14	MILLSAPS

TROY STATE	
SEP. 5	S. ILLINOIS
SEP. 12	NORTHWESTERN (LA)
SEP. 19	CENTRAL FLORIDA
SEP. 26	ALABAMA ST.
OCT. 3	VALOOSTA ST.
OCT. 10	ARKANSAS ST.
OCT. 17	LIBERTY
OCT. 24	NORTH ALA.
NOV. 7	SAMFORD
NOV. 14	GEORGIA SOUTHERN
NOV. 21	NICHOLLS ST.

TUFTS	
SEP. 26	WESLEYAN
OCT. 3	BATES
OCT. 17	TRINITY (CT)
OCT. 24	WILLIAMS
OCT. 31	AMHERST
NOV. 7	CORBY
NOV. 14	MIDDLEBURY
NOV. 21	BOWDOIN @ GALWAY

TULANE</

TOYOTA

TUSKEGEE

SEP 5 @ JACKSON ST
SEP 12 SAVANNAH ST. @ DETROIT
SEP 19 MORRIS BROWN
OCT 3 @ ALBANY ST. (GA)
OCT 10 @ CLARK ATLANTA
OCT 17 MURKHOUSE @ COLUMBUS
OCT 24 HAMPTON
OCT 31 @ FORT VALLEY ST
NOV 7 MILES

UCLA

SEP 12 CAL ST. FULLERTON
SEP 19 @ BRIGHAM YOUNG
SEP 26 SAN DIEGO ST
OCT 3 @ ARIZONA
OCT 10 STANFORD
OCT 17 @ WASHINGTON ST
OCT 24 ARIZONA ST
OCT 31 @ CALIF. OTISKA
NOV 7 OREGON ST.
NOV 14 @ OREGON
NOV 21 USU

UNION (NEW YORK)

SEP 12 RT 1 & WRENCH
SEP 19 @ WORCESTER TECH
SEP 26 HOBART
OCT 3 @ DICKINSON
OCT 10 @ ALBANY (NY)
OCT 17 RENSSELAER
OCT 24 COAST GUARD
OCT 31 GETTYSBURG
NOV 7 @ ROCHESTER

UPPER IOWA

SEP 10 @ WIS.-WHITEWATER
SEP 19 @ WARTBURG
SEP 26 LUTHER
OCT 3 @ WILLIAM PENN.
OCT 10 @ DUQUOUE
OCT 17 BUENA VISTA
OCT 24 @ MID-AMERICA NAZ.
OCT 31 @ CENTRAL (IA)
NOV 7 LORAS
NOV 14 SIMPSON

UPSALA

SEP 12 W. CONNECTICUT ST.
SEP 19 @ KEAN
SEP 26 @ RENSSELAER
OCT 3 @ JERSEY CITY ST.
OCT 10 @ WM. PATERSON
OCT 17 PACE
OCT 24 @ WILKES
OCT 31 FDU-MADISON
NOV 7 @ BENTLEY
NOV 14 WESLEY

URSINUS

SEP 12 @ GEORGETOWN
SEP 19 @ FRANK. & MARSH.
SEP 26 W. MARYLAND
OCT 3 @ SWARTHMORE
OCT 10 JOHNS HOPKINS
OCT 17 @ GETTYSBURG
OCT 24 @ FDU-MADISON
OCT 31 WORCESTER TECH
NOV 7 MUHLBERG
NOV 14 DICKINSON

UTAH

SEP 5 @ NEBRASKA
SEP 12 @ UTAH ST.
SEP 26 OREGON ST.
OCT 3 @ COLORADO ST.
OCT 10 HAWAII
OCT 17 @ NEW MEXICO
OCT 24 UTEP
OCT 31 @ AIR FORCE
NOV 7 @ FRESNO ST.
NOV 14 WYOMING
NOV 21 BRIGHAM YOUNG

UTAH STATE

OCT 5 @ ARIZONA
SEP 12 UTAH
SEP 19 @ BAYLOR
SEP 26 NEW MEXICO ST.
OCT 2 @ BRIGHAM YOUNG
OCT 17 KANSAS ST.
OCT 24 SAN JOSE ST.

OCT 31 @ CAL ST. FULLERTON
NOV 7 NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
NOV 14 @ NEVADA
NOV 21 @ PACIFIC (CA)

VALBOSTA STATE

SEP 12 @ GEORGIA SOUTHERN
SEP 19 FORT VALLEY ST. @ MACON
SEP 26 @ JACKSONVILLE ST.
OCT 3 @ TROY ST.
OCT 10 LIVINGSTONE
OCT 17 @ W. GEORGIA
OCT 24 AMERICAN INDIAN L.
OCT 31 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
NOV 7 @ DELTA ST.
NOV 14 N. ALABAMA

VALPARAISO

SEP 5 ASHLAND
SEP 12 @ HILLSDALE
SEP 19 WAYNE ST. (MI)
SEP 26 @ N. MICHIGAN
OCT 3 @ ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)
OCT 10 FERRIS ST.
OCT 17 @ BUTLER
OCT 24 INDIANAPOLIS
OCT 31 @ SAGINAW VALLEY
NOV 7 MICHIGAN TECH @ MARQUETTE
NOV 14 GRAND VALLEY ST.

VANDERBILT

SEP 5 @ ALABAMA
SEP 12 DUKE
SEP 19 MISSISSIPPI
OCT 3 @ ALABAMA
OCT 10 WAKE FOREST
OCT 17 @ GEORGIA
OCT 24 @ CAROLINA
NOV 7 @ KENTUCKY
NOV 14 @ NAVY
NOV 21 FLORIDA
NOV 28 TENNESSEE

VILLANOVA

SEP 4 WEST CHESTER
SEP 12 @ BIRKBECK
SEP 19 RICHMOND
OCT 3 @ BOSTON U.
OCT 10 @ CONNECTICUT
OCT 17 DELAWARE
OCT 24 @ MASSACHUSETTS
OCT 31 RHODE ISLAND
NOV 7 @ NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOV 14 PORTLAND
NOV 21 MAINE

VIRGINIA

SEP 5 MARYLAND
SEP 12 @ NAVY
SEP 19 GEORGIA TECH
SEP 26 @ DUKE
OCT 3 @ WAKE FOREST
OCT 10 CLEMSON
OCT 17 @ N. CAROLINA
OCT 24 WILLIAM & MARY
OCT 31 FLORIDA ST.
NOV 7 N. CAROLINA ST.
NOV 21 @ VIRGINIA TECH

VIRGINIA MILITARY

SEP 5 @ E. TENNESSEE ST.
SEP 12 @ WILLIAM & MARY
SEP 19 MARSHALL
SEP 26 W. VIRGINIA TECH
OCT 3 @ FURMAN
OCT 10 @ W. CAROLINA
OCT 17 APPALACHIAN ST.
OCT 24 RICHMOND @ NORFOLK
NOV 7 WOFFORD
NOV 14 @ CITADEL
NOV 21 TENN.-CHATT

VIRGINIA STATE

SEP 5 @ NORFOLK ST.
SEP 12 @ N.C. CENTRAL
SEP 19 WINSTON-SALEM
SEP 26 @ ROWEN ST.
OCT 3 LIVINGSTONE
OCT 10 HAMPTON
OCT 17 RAYETTEVILLE ST.
OCT 24 @ ELIZABETH CITY ST.
OCT 31 @ VIRGINIA UNION
NOV 7 W. VIRGINIA CT.

VIRGINIA TECH

SEP 5 JAMES MADISON
SEP 12 @ E. CAROLINA
SEP 19 @ TEMPLE
SEP 26 W. VIRGINIA
OCT 10 @ LOUISVILLE
OCT 17 N. CAROLINA ST.
OCT 24 MIAMI (FL)
OCT 31 @ RUTGERS
NOV 7 @ SYRACUSE
NOV 14 S. MISSISSIPPI
NOV 21 VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA UNION

SEP 12 GRAMBLING
SEP 19 HAMPTON
SEP 26 NEW HAVEN
OCT 3 @ BOWIE ST.
OCT 10 @ ELIZABETH CITY ST.
OCT 24 @ NORFOLK ST.
OCT 31 VIRGINIA ST.
NOV 7 @ CENTRAL ST. (OH)

WABASH

SEP 19 ALBION
SEP 26 @ HOPE
OCT 3 MANCHESTER
OCT 10 FRANKLIN
OCT 17 @ HANOVER
OCT 24 @ ANDERSON
OCT 31 ROSE-HULMAN
NOV 7 @ IATLOW
NOV 14 DEPAUL

WAGNER

SEP 12 @ DELAWARE VALLEY
SEP 19 @ ST. FRANCIS (PA)
SEP 26 @ ST. JOHNS (NY)
OCT 3 NEWPORT NEWS APP.
OCT 10 @ IONA
OCT 17 MARIST
OCT 24 @ GLASSBORO ST.
OCT 31 @ NEW C.W. POST
NOV 7 PACE
NOV 14 DUQUESNE

WAKE FOREST

SEP 5 N. CAROLINA
SEP 12 APPALACHIAN ST.
SEP 19 @ FLORIDA ST.
OCT 3 VIRGINIA
OCT 10 @ VANDERBILT
OCT 17 @ MARITANU
OCT 24 ARMY
OCT 31 CLEMSON
NOV 7 @ DUKE
NOV 14 @ GEORGIA TECH
NOV 21 @ N. CAROLINA ST.

WARTBURG

SEP 12 COE
SEP 19 UPPER IOWA
SEP 26 @ CENTRAL (IA)
SEP 31 SIMPSON
OCT 10 LUTHER
OCT 17 @ WILLIAM PENN.
OCT 24 @ BUENA VISTA
OCT 31 DUBUQUE
NOV 7 @ AURORA
NOV 14 @ LORAS

WASHBURN

SEP 12 @ SW MISSOURI ST.
SEP 19 @ NE MISSOURI ST.
SEP 26 @ NW MISSOURI ST.
OCT 3 @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN ST.
OCT 10 EMPORIA ST.
OCT 17 CENTRAL MISSOURI ST.
OCT 24 @ MISSOURI-ROLLA
OCT 31 SW BAPTIST
NOV 7 @ PITTSBURG ST.
NOV 14 MISSOURI WESTERN ST.

WASHINGTON

SEP 5 @ ARIZONA ST.
SEP 12 WISCONSIN
SEP 19 NEBRASKA
OCT 3 USC
OCT 10 CALIFORNIA
OCT 17 @ OREGON
OCT 24 PACIFIC (CA)
OCT 31 STANFORD

NOV 7 @ ARIZONA
NOV 14 OREGON ST.
NOV 21 @ WASHINGTON ST.

WASHINGTON (MISSOURI)

SEP 5 @ ROSE HULMAN
SEP 12 CARNEGIE MELLON
SEP 19 CASE RESERVE
SEP 26 @ ROCHESTER
OCT 3 TRINITY (TX)
OCT 10 @ AKRONES
OCT 17 CENTRAL MICHIGAN
OCT 24 @ CHICAGO
OCT 31 PRINCIPALIA
NOV 7 @ COLORADO COLLEGE

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON

SEP 12 MIRAM
OCT 3 @ WIDENER
SEP 26 @ BETHANY (W. VA)
OCT 3 WAYNESBURG
OCT 10 @ THIEL
OCT 17 GANNON
OCT 24 GROVE CITY
OCT 31 CORTLAND ST.
NOV 14 @ ITIAGA

WASHINGTON AND LEE

SEP 12 EMORY & HENRY
SEP 19 @ ALA.-BIRMINGHAM
SEP 26 @ CENTRE
OCT 3 RANDOLPH-MACON
OCT 10 @ DAVIDSON
OCT 17 HAMPTON-SYDNEY
OCT 24 SEAWARD
OCT 31 @ BRIDGEWATER (VA)
NOV 7 @ GUILFORD
NOV 14 GEORGETOWN

WASHINGTON STATE

SEP 5 MONTANA
SEP 12 @ ARIZONA
SEP 26 @ FRESNO ST.
OCT 3 @ TEMPLE
OCT 10 @ OREGON ST.
OCT 17 UCLA
OCT 24 @ UDO
OCT 31 OREGON
NOV 7 ARIZONA ST.
NOV 14 @ STANFORD
NOV 21 WASHINGTON

WAYNE STATE (MICHIGAN)

SEP 5 INDIANAPOLIS
SEP 12 SAGINAW VALLEY
SEP 19 @ VALPARAISO
SEP 26 FERRIS ST.
OCT 3 ASHLAND
OCT 10 BUTLER
OCT 17 @ NORTHWOOD
OCT 24 @ N. MICHIGAN
OCT 31 ST. JOSEPH'S (IN)
NOV 7 @ GRAND VALLEY ST.
NOV 14 @ HILLSDALE

WAYNE STATE (NEBRASKA)

SEP 5 @ NEB.-OMAHA
SEP 12 @ MORRINGSIDE
SEP 19 @ BENEDICT ST.
SEP 26 MAYVILLE ST.
OCT 3 NEB.-KEARNEY
OCT 10 ST. FRANCIS (IL)
OCT 24 @ SOUTHWEST ST. (NM)
OCT 31 MICHIGAN TECH
NOV 7 @ PERU ST.
NOV 14 @ IOWA WESLEYAN

WAYNESBURG

SEP 5 @ URBANA
SEP 12 GANNON
SEP 26 GROVE CITY
OCT 3 @ WASH. & JEFF.
OCT 10 THOMAS MORE
OCT 17 BETHANY (W. VA)
OCT 24 @ THIEL
OCT 31 KENYON
NOV 7 PROSBURG ST.

WEBER STATE

SEP 5 @ NEW MEXICO ST.
SEP 12 S. UTAH
SEP 19 @ IDAHO

SEP 26 MONTANA ST.
OCT 3 @ F. WASHINGTON
OCT 10 MONTANA
OCT 17 @ BOISE ST.
OCT 24 IDAHO ST.
OCT 31 @ NEVADA
NOV 7 @ N. ARIZONA
NOV 21 MONEE ST.

WESLEY

SEP 5 TRENTON ST.
SEP 12 @ RANDOLPH-MACON
SEP 19 GENEVA
SEP 26 @ BRIDGEWATER (VA)
OCT 3 @ FROSTBURG ST.
OCT 10 GALLAUDET
OCT 17 STONY BROOK
OCT 24 HAMPTON-SYDNEY
NOV 7 DELAWARE VALLEY
NOV 14 @ UPSALA

WESLEYAN

SEP 26 @ TUFTS
OCT 3 HAMILTON
OCT 10 @ COLBY
OCT 17 @ BATES
OCT 24 AMHERST
OCT 31 BOWDOIN
NOV 7 @ WILLIAMS
NOV 14 TRINITY (CT)

WEST CHESTER

SEP 4 @ VILLANOVA
SEP 19 WINGATE
SEP 26 @ DELAWARE
OCT 3 @ CHEYNEY
OCT 10 MANSFIELD
OCT 17 @ MILLERSVILLE
OCT 24 @ RICHMOND
OCT 31 @ KUTZTOWN
NOV 7 SHIPPENSBURG
NOV 14 E. STROUDSBURG

WEST GEORGIA

SEP 5 @ SAMFORD
SEP 12 JACKSONVILLE ST.
SEP 26 @ CLARK ATLANTA
OCT 3 @ LIVINGSTON
OCT 10 @ MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE
OCT 17 @ VALDOSA ST.
OCT 24 KNOXVILLE
OCT 31 DELTA ST.
NOV 7 @ N. ALABAMA
NOV 14 LANE

WEST LIBERTY STATE

SEP 5 @ CALIFORNIA (PA)
SEP 19 @ W. VIRGINIA TECH
SEP 26 SHEPHERD
OCT 3 @ GLENVILLE ST.
OCT 10 @ W. VIRGINIA ST.
OCT 17 TIFFIN
OCT 24 LENOIR RHYME
OCT 31 @ CONCORD
NOV 7 W. VIRGINIA WESLEYAN
NOV 14 @ FAIRMONT ST.

WEST TEXAS STATE

SEP 5 SW OKLAHOMA
SEP 12 @ FORT LEWIS
SEP 26 @ CAMERON
OCT 3 W. NEW MEXICO
OCT 10 PRAIRIE VIEW
OCT 17 @ OKLAHOMA
OCT 24 @ NEW MEX. HIGHLAND
OCT 31 @ TARTLETON ST.
NOV 7 E. NEW MEXICO
NOV 14 @ PANHANDLE ST.

WEST VIRGINIA

SEP 5 MIAMI (OH)
SEP 12 @ PITTSBURGH
SEP 19 MARYLAND
SEP 26 @ VIRGINIA TECH
OCT 3 BOSTON COLLEGE
OCT 17 SYRACUSE
OCT 24 @ PENN. ST.
OCT 31 @ MIAMI (FL)
NOV 7 E. CAROLINA
NOV 14 @ RUTGERS
NOV 21 LOUISIANA TECH

WESTERN CAROLINA

SEP 5 MARS HILL
SEP 12 GEORGIA TECH
SEP 26 FERRIS
OCT 3 SAMFORD
OCT 10 VA. MILITARY
OCT 17 TENN. CHATT.
OCT 24 CITADEL
OCT 31 MARSHALL
NOV 7 FURMAN
NOV 14 F. TENNESSEE ST.
NOV 21 APPALACHIAN ST.

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE

SEP 12 UPSALA
SEP 19 MERCHANT MARINE
SEP 26 WM. PATERSON
OCT 10 PLYMOUTH ST.
OCT 17 COAST GUARD
OCT 24 MASS.-LOWELL
OCT 31 STONY BROOK
NOV 7 ALBANY (NY)
NOV 14 NORWICH

WESTERN ILLINOIS

SEP 5 MO. WESTERN ST.
SEP 12 SAM HOUSTON ST.
SEP 19 W. KENTUCKY
SEP 26 CENTRAL FLOR. DA.
OCT 3 SW MISSOURI ST.
OCT 10 S. ILLINOIS
OCT 17 F. ILLINOIS
OCT 24 INDIANA ST.
OCT 31 ILLINOIS ST.
NOV 7 MORGAN ST.
NOV 14 N. IOWA

WESTERN KENTUCKY

SEP 5 E. KENTUCKY
SEP 12 INDIANA ST.
SEP 19 W. ILLINOIS
SEP 26 SW MISSOURI ST.
OCT 3 N. IOWA
OCT 10 TROY ST.
OCT 17 CENTRAL FLORIDA
OCT 24 S. ILLINOIS
OCT 31 ILLINOIS ST.
NOV 7 E. ILLINOIS
NOV 14 MURRAY ST.

WESTERN MARYLAND

SEP 5 ALORIGHT
SEP 12 GETTYSBURG
SEP 26 URSINUS
OCT 3 MULLENBERG
OCT 10 RANDOLPH MACON
OCT 17 DICKINSON
OCT 24 FRANK & MARSH
OCT 31 LEBANON VALLEY
NOV 7 SWARTHMORE
NOV 14 JOHNS HOPKINS

WESTERN MICHIGAN

SEP 5 BOWLING GREEN
SEP 12 TEXAS CHRISTIAN
SEP 19 OHIO
SEP 26 OHIO
OCT 3 DALL ST.
OCT 10 TOLEDO
OCT 17 E. MICHIGAN
OCT 24 KENT
OCT 31 N. ILLINOIS
NOV 7 M. AM. (OH)
NOV 14 CENTRAL MICHIGAN

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

SEP 12 FITCHBURG ST.
SEP 19 CURRY
SEP 26 MIT
OCT 3 ST. PETER'S
OCT 10 STONEHILL
OCT 17 ASSUMPTION
OCT 24 BENTLEY
OCT 31 NICHOLS
NOV 7 HARTWICK
NOV 14 SIENA

WESTERN STATE (COLORADO)

SEP 5 N. COLORADO
SEP 12 E. NEW MEXICO
SEP 19 W. MONTANA
SEP 26 ADAMS ST.
OCT 3 COLORADO M. NES
OCT 10 FORT LEWIS
OCT 17 MESA ST.
OCT 24 CHADRON ST.
OCT 31 NEW MEX. HIGHLANDS
NOV 7 FORT HAYS ST.

WESTFIELD STATE

SEP 12 MASS.-BOSTON
SEP 19 FITCHBURG ST.
OCT 3 FRAMINGHAM ST.
OCT 10 MIT
OCT 17 BRIDGEWATER (MA)
OCT 24 WORCESTER ST.

OCT. 30 MASS. MARITIME
NOV. 7 MASS. DARTMOUTH
NOV. 14 MAINE MARITIME

WHEATON (ILLINOIS)

SEP 12 LAKE FOREST
SEP 19 DAYTON
OCT 3 MILLIKIN
OCT 10 ILL. WESLEYAN
OCT 17 CARTHAGE
OCT 24 NORTH PARK
OCT 31 NORTH CENTRAL
NOV 7 ELMHURST
NOV 14 AUGUSTANA (IL)

WHITTIER

SEP 12 LA VERNE
SEP 19 ALBANY
SEP 26 MENLO
OCT 3 OCCIDENTAL
OCT 10 SAN DIEGO
OCT 17 POMONA-PITZER
OCT 24 AZUSA-PACIFIC
OCT 31 CLAREMONT-M-S
NOV 7 RFD ANDR
NOV 14 CAL LUTHERAN

WIDENER

SEP 12 GETTYSBURG
SEP 19 WAGI & JEFF
SEP 26 MORAVIAN
OCT 3 JUNIATA
OCT 10 LYCOMING
OCT 17 ALBRIGHT
OCT 24 SUSQUEHANNA
OCT 31 WILKES
NOV 7 LEBANON VALLEY
NOV 14 DELAWARE VALLEY

WILKES

SEP 12 PLYMOUTH ST.
SEP 19 ALORIGHT
SEP 26 SUSQUEHANNA
OCT 3 MORAVIAN
OCT 10 LEBANON VALLEY
OCT 17 DELAWARE VALLEY
OCT 24 UPSALA
OCT 31 WIDENER
NOV 7 JUNIATA
NOV 14 LYCOMING

WILLIAM AND MARY

SEP 12 VA. MILITARY
SEP 19 BOSTON U.
SEP 26 HARVARD
OCT 3 BROWN
OCT 10 PENNSYLVANIA
OCT 17 TOWSON ST.
OCT 24 VIRGINIA
OCT 31 JAMES MADISON
NOV 7 COLGATE
NOV 14 LEHIGH
NOV 21 RICHMOND

WILLIAM PATERSON

SEP 5 GENEVA
SEP 12 TRENTON ST.
SEP 19 W. CONNECTICUT ST.
OCT 3 KEAN
OCT 10 UPAALA
OCT 17 MONTCLAIR ST.
OCT 23 RAMAPO
OCT 30 JERSEY CITY ST.
NOV 7 GLASSBORO ST.
NOV 14 CENTRAL CONN. ST.

WILLIAM PENN

SEP 5 COE
SEP 12 LORAS
SEP 19 UPPER IOWA
OCT 3 CENTRAL (IA)
OCT 10 WANTWURG
OCT 17 LUTHER
OCT 24 BUENA VISTA
NOV 7 SIMPSON
NOV 14 DURIQUE

WILLIAMS

SEP 26 COLBY
OCT 3 TRINITY (CT)
OCT 10 RATER
OCT 17 MIDDLEBURY
OCT 24 TUFTS
OCT 31 HAM LTON
NOV 7 WESLEYAN
NOV 14 AMHERST

WILMINGTON (OHIO)

SEP 5 CUMBERLAND (KY)
SEP 12 THOMAS MORE
SEP 19 TFFIN
OCT 3 OLIVET
OCT 10 OHIO WESLEYAN
OCT 17 DEFANCE
OCT 24 GENEVA
OCT 31 BLUFFTON
NOV 7 WOOSTER

NOV. 14 MT. ST. JOSEPH

WINONA STATE

SEP 12 WIS. LA CROSSE
SEP 19 WIS.-EAU CLAIRE
SEP 26 MOORHEAD ST.
OCT 3 MICHIGAN TECH
OCT 10 MINN.-MORRIS
OCT 17 NORTHERN ST. (SD)
OCT 24 BEMIDJI ST.
OCT 31 M. NN. DULUTH
NOV 7 SOUTHWEST ST. (MIN)
NOV 14 NORTHERN ST. (MINNEAPOLIS)

WINGATE

SEP 12 KENTUCKY ST.
SEP 19 WEST CHESTER
SEP 26 MARS HILL
OCT 3 GARDNER-WEBB
OCT 10 CARSON-NEWMAN
OCT 17 LENOIR-RHYNE
OCT 24 WOFFORD
OCT 31 PRESBYTERIAN
NOV 7 CATAWBA
NOV 14 ELON

WINSTON-SALEM STATE

SEP 5 ELIZABETH CITY ST.
SEP 12 N. CAROLINA A&T
SEP 19 VIRGINIA ST.
SEP 26 FAYETTEVILLE ST.
OCT 3 JOHNSON SMITH
OCT 10 SOUTHERN B.A. (S. CAROLINA)
OCT 17 N.C. CENTRAL
OCT 24 BOWIE ST.
OCT 31 WOFFORD
NOV 7 HAMPTON
NOV 14 LIVINGSTONE

WISCONSIN

SEP 12 WASHINGTON
SEP 19 BOWLING GREEN
SEP 26 N. ILLINOIS
OCT 3 OHIO ST.
OCT 10 IOWA
OCT 17 PURDUE
OCT 24 INDIANA
OCT 31 ILLINOIS
NOV 7 MICHIGAN ST.
NOV 14 MINNESOTA
NOV 21 NORTHWESTERN

WISCONSIN EAU CLAIRE

SEP 5 MINN. DULUTH
SEP 12 WINONA ST.
SEP 19 WIS.-RIVER FALLS
OCT 3 WIS.-STOUT
OCT 10 WIS.-SUPERIOR
OCT 17 WIS.-OSHKOSH
OCT 24 WIS.-LA CROSSE
OCT 31 WIS. WHITEWATER
NOV 7 WIS.-STEVENS POINT
NOV 14 WIS.-PLATTEVILLE

WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

SEP 12 WINONA ST.
SEP 19 WIS.-STEVENS POINT
SEP 26 WIS.-PLATTEVILLE
OCT 3 WIS. SUPERIOR
OCT 10 ST. AMBROSE
OCT 17 WIS.-RIVER FALLS
OCT 24 WIS.-EAU CLAIRE
OCT 31 WIS. OSHKOSH
NOV 7 WIS.-WHITEWATER
NOV 14 WIS.-STOUT

WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH

SEP 12 ST. NORBERT
SEP 19 WIS.-RIVER FALLS
SEP 26 WIS.-STOUT
OCT 3 WIS.-PLATTEVILLE
OCT 10 WIS.-STEVENS POINT
OCT 17 WIS.-EAU CLAIRE
OCT 24 ST. AMBROSE
OCT 31 WIS.-LA CROSSE
NOV 7 WIS.-SUPERIOR
NOV 14 WIS.-WHITEWATER

WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE

SEP 12 DAYTON
SEP 19 WIS.-WHITEWATER
SEP 26 WIS.-LA CROSSE
OCT 3 WIS.-OSHKOSH
OCT 10 WIS.-RIVER FALLS
OCT 17 WIS.-SUPERIOR
OCT 24 WIS.-STOUT

OCT. 31 WIS. STEVENS POINT
NOV. 7 ST. AMBROSE
NOV. 14 WIS.-EAU CLAIRE

WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS

SEP 5 MINN.-MORRIS
SEP 12 ST. THOMAS (MN)
SEP 19 WIS.-OSHKOSH
SEP 26 WIS. EAU CLAIRE
OCT 10 WIS.-PLATTEVILLE
OCT 17 WIS.-LA CROSSE
OCT 24 WIS.-WHITEWATER
OCT 31 WIS.-SUPERIOR
NOV 7 WIS.-STOUT
NOV 14 WIS.-STEVENS POINT

WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT

SEP 5 MICHIGAN TECH
SEP 12 MINN.-MORRIS
SEP 19 WIS. LA CROSSE
OCT 3 WIS. WHITEWATER
OCT 10 WIS.-OSHKOSH
OCT 17 WIS.-STOUT
OCT 24 WIS.-SUPERIOR
OCT 31 WIS.-PLATTEVILLE
NOV 7 WIS.-EAU CLAIRE
NOV 14 WIS.-RIVER FALLS

WISCONSIN-STOUT

SEP 5 MAYVILLE ST.
SEP 12 WIS.-SUPERIOR
SEP 19 WIS.-OSHKOSH
OCT 3 WIS.-EAU CLAIRE
OCT 10 WIS.-WHITEWATER
OCT 17 WIS.-STEVENS POINT
OCT 24 WIS.-PLATTEVILLE
OCT 31 ST. AMBROSE
NOV 7 WIS.-RIVER FALLS
NOV 14 WIS. LA CROSSE

WISCONSIN-SUPERIOR

SEP 5 CONCORDIA (ST. PJ)
SEP 12 AUGSBURG
SEP 19 WIS. STOUT
SEP 26 WIS.-WHITEWATER
OCT 3 WIS.-LA CROSSE
OCT 10 WIS.-EAU CLAIRE
OCT 17 WIS.-PLATTEVILLE
OCT 24 WIS.-STEVENS POINT
OCT 31 WIS.-RIVER FALLS
NOV 7 WIS. OSHKOSH

WISCONSIN WHITEWATER

SEP 10 UPPER IOWA
SEP 19 WIS.-PLATTEVILLE
SEP 26 WIS. SUPERIOR
OCT 3 WIS.-STEVENS POINT
OCT 10 WIS.-STOUT
OCT 17 ST. AMBROSE
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ATLANTIC COAST

By Kevin Record
Daily Progress (Charlottesville, VA)

DIVISION 1-A

Florida State enjoyed immense success in its first men's basketball season in the Atlantic Coast Conference last winter, knocking off traditional power North Carolina en route to a stunning second-place finish. The real fun in Tallahassee, however, should start this fall when the Seminoles embark on

their first season of ACC football.

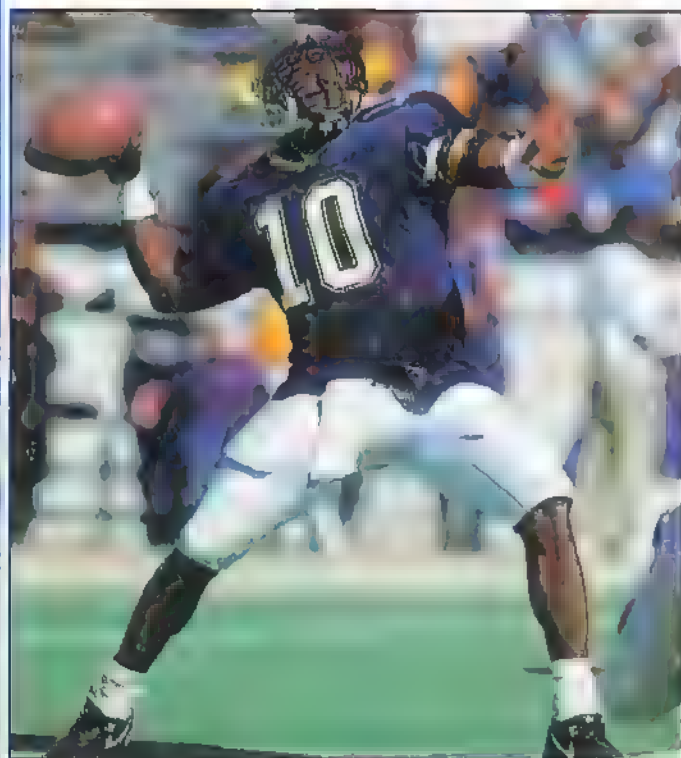
Over the last five years FSU coach Bobby Bowden has compiled a 53-8

record, won two Fiesta Bowls, a Sugar Bowl, a Blockbuster Bowl and a Cotton Bowl and finished no worse than fourth in the nation. Among those gone from last year's 11-2 Cotton Bowl championship team are quarterback Casey Weldon, running back Amp Lee, cornerback Terrell Buckley and three starters from the offensive line. Bowden says the Seminoles will be "just as talented, maybe even more so" than they were last year. This year's ACC champion automatically goes to either the Orange, Sugar or Cotton Bowl as a result of the recently consummated Bowl Alliance.

The most important date of the season could very well be Sept. 12, when Florida State travels to defending ACC champion Clemson. That contest, which starts at 7:30 p.m. and will be televised by ESPN, marks the first night football game in 36 years at Clemson.

The Tigers should give the Seminoles all they can handle. They return 12 starters from last year's 9-2-1 squad that lost in the Citrus Bowl to California, but Head Coach Ken Hatfield must replace six all-conference players, including four who earned All-American honors.

Virginia, meanwhile, should continue to make its presence felt in the upper echelon of the conference as long as it finds a suitable replacement for All-ACC quarterback Matt Blundin. N.C. State returns 14 starters from last season's 9-3 Peach Bowl team, while Georgia Tech hopes to continue its recent string of successes under first-year coach Bill Lewis. Lewis, who led East Carolina to an 11-1 record and



Shawn Jones, Georgia Tech

PHOTO: BRIAN SPURLOCK



Chuck Burnett, North Carolina

PHOTO: ALLEN DEAN STEELE



Tommy Thigpen, North Carolina

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Robbie Baker, Florida State

PHOTO: LOUIS A. RAYNOR

No. 9 national ranking last year, employs a sophisticated option attack for senior quarterback Shawn Jones. The Yellow Jackets also have two of the best backs in the conference in Jimmy Lincoln and William Bell.

In Chapel Hill, Mack Brown must replace four starters along the offensive line, but he's confident he can take the Tar Heels to a long-awaited bowl game.

First-year Maryland coach Mark Duffner, who was 60-5-1 during the last six years at Holy Cross, will install the run 'n' shoot offense in College Park. If he can find a suitable quarterback, the Terps could surprise some people.

Duke third-year coach Barry Wilson is counting heavily on the return of tailback Randy Cuthbert and nose guard Scott Yeomans, both sidelined with injuries last year. Quarterback Dave Brown is probably the best passer in the conference.

Finally, the biggest news from Wake Forest during spring drills was the emergence of quarterback Jim Kemp, the son of HUD secretary and former AFL quarterback Jack Kemp. Kemp is expected to challenge senior quarterback Keith West, who threw 18 interceptions last season.

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. UNC coach Mack Brown

The Tar Heels have enjoyed back-to-back winning seasons, but fans are still waiting for a bowl bid.

2. Georgia Tech QB Shawn Jones

First-year coach Bill Lewis has installed a sophisticated offense that Jones must grasp quickly.

3. Wake Forest coach Bill Dooley

How much more losing can this man suffer?

1. FLORIDA STATE

Offense: Charlie Ward and Kenny Felder will battle for the starting quarterback slot in Bobby Bowden's pro set offense. Three of five starters on the offensive line are gone. Bowden must also replace running back Amp Lee, who entered the NFL draft. The likely replacement is junior Sean Jackson. Sophomore William Floyd will probably start at fullback.

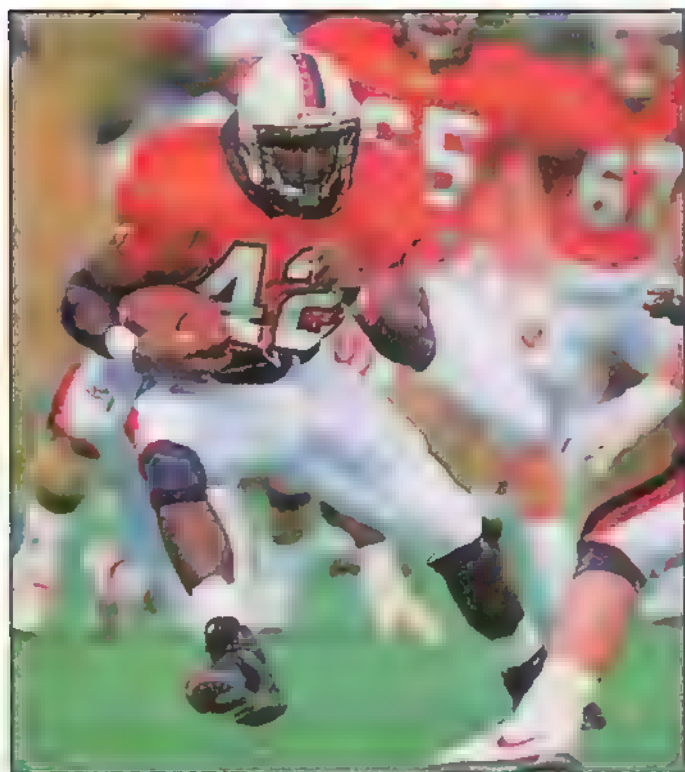
Defense: Five starters return, including linebacker Marvin Jones, a Lombardi Award finalist. Look for big things from sophomore linebacker Derrick Brooks, who was *USA Today's* Defensive Player of the Year out of high school. FSU is particularly strong up front with seniors Carl Simpson, Dan Footman and Troy Sanders.

Special Teams: This is probably Bowden's biggest area of concern. Dan Mowrey, Gerry Thomas and high school signee Sean Liss will battle for the place-kicking duties, while John Wimberly and Scott Holmes duel for punting honors.

Environment: Bowden has done everything in his 16 years at FSU but win a



Jonathan Perry, North Carolina
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Terry Kirby, Virginia
PHOTO: TOM DRACE



Rodney Blunt, Clemson
PHOTO: BRIAN SPURLOCK

national championship. The Seminoles participated in 10 straight bowl games without suffering a loss.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Seminoles will enjoy playing in the ACC, especially against the likes of Duke and Wake Forest. FSU's toughest games will be non-conference showdowns at Miami (Oct. 3) and home against Florida (Nov. 28).

FLORIDA STATE

LOCATION: Tallahassee, FL

STADIUM: Doak S. Campbell (60,519)

COACH: Bobby Bowden (216-76-3 overall/143-44-3 at FSU)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 11-2 (beat Texas A&M in Cotton Bowl, 10-2).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 47.

PROJECTED STARTERS

Offense—Ker McCoirvey, SE, 6-1, 182, So., John Flath, LT, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Eric McGill, LG, 6-5, 260, Sr.; Robert Stevenson, C, 6-3, 272, Sr.; Al-South, 2nd; Patrick McNeil, RG, 6-3, 280, So., All-American; Juan Laureano, RT, 6-5, 260, Fr.; Lonnie Johnson, TE, 6-3, 224, Jr.; Charles Ward, QB, 6-1, 190, Jr.; William Floyd, FB, 6-2, 229, So.; Sean Jackson, TB, 6-2, 220, Jr.; Matt Frier, FL, 5-11, 189, Jr.

Defense—Sterling Palmer, OL, 6-7, 252, Jr.; Carl Simpson, RT, 6-2, 275, Sr., All-South; Toddrick McIntosh, NG, 6-3, 268, Jr.; Dan Footman, LT, 6-5, 272, Sr.; Derrick Brooks, OL, 6-1, 210, So.; Marvin Jones, ILB, 6-2, 220, Jr., All-American; Ken Alexander, ILB, 6-3, 240, Jr.; Tommy Henry, CB, 6-0, 179, Sr.; John Davis, SS, 6-3, 205, Sr.; Leon Fowler, FS, 6-3, 200, Sr.; Clifton Abraham, CB, 5-10, 185, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Marvin Jones, LB; Charlie Ward, QB; Carl Simpson, DE; Sean Jackson, TB; John Davis, SS

TOP NEWCOMERS: Dan Kanali, QB; Henri Crockett, LB; Sean Liss, K; Tamarick Vanover, E; Kelly Rush, L.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Casey Weldon, QB; Terrell Buckley, CB; Amp Lee, TB; Kirk Carruthers, ILB; Kevin Mancini, OT.

Outlook: Florida State is the heavy favorite to win the conference title. The Seminoles will obviously be in the hunt for a national crown. Could this be Bowden's breakthrough year? The Sept. 12 game at Clemson and the Oct. 3 date at Miami hold the key.

Bowl: yes.

2. CLEMSON

Offense: The Tigers, who'll operate from their traditional I-formation, led the ACC in rushing last year with 255 yards per game. Players that accounted for almost 80 percent of that total return. Tailback Rodney Blunt (747 yards in '91) should have a big season. Ronald Williams will try to come back after major knee surgery. Quarterback Richard Moncrief has talented receivers in Terry Smith and Larry Ryans.

Defense: Clemson has six starters returning from last year's defense, which ranked No. 1 in the nation against the run. Brentson Buckner will be the man in the middle at nose guard. Outside linebackers Ashley Sheppard and Wayne Simmons are all-conference candidates, as is inside linebacker Kenzil Jackson. Three starters return in the secondary, including All-Star candidate Robert O'Neal.

Special Teams: Nelson Welch returns as the starting place-kicker, and he may double his duties and take over the punting

ALL-ACC

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Shawn Jones, Georgia Tech; RB Terry Kirby, UVA; RB Natrone Means, UNC; WR Terry Smith, Clemson; WR Corey Holliday, UNC; TE John Henry Mills, Wake Forest; T Robert Stevenson, Florida State; T Les Hall, Clemson; G Pete Petroff, Duke; G Mark Dixon, UVA; C Robbie Baker, Florida State; K Mike Green, Wake Forest; KR Brad Breedlove, Duke.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Chris Slade, UVA; DE Carl Simpson, Florida State; DT Coleman Rudolph, Georgia Tech; DT John Akins, N.C. State; LB Marvin Jones, Florida State; LB Tommy Thigpen, North Carolina; LB Mike Jarmolowich, Maryland; CB Sebastian Savage, N.C. State; CB George Coghill, Wake Forest; S Robert O'Neal, Clemson; S Mike Reid, N.C. State; P Jason Bender, Georgia Tech.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE: QB Dave Brown, Duke; RB Jimmy Lincoln, Georgia Tech; RB Anthony Barbour, N.C. State; WR Todd Dixon, Wake Forest; WR Larry Holmes, UVA; TE Frank Wycheck, Maryland; T Brandon Moore, Duke; T Scott Woods, N.C. State; G Eric McGill, Florida State; G Stacy Seegers, Clemson; C Randall Parsons, North Carolina; K Nelson Welch, Clemson; KR Kevin Tisdell, Georgia Tech.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE: DE Tyler Lawrence, N.C. State; DT Austin Robbins, North Carolina; DT Ricky Logo, N.C. State; LB David Merritt, N.C. State; LB P.J. Killian, UVA; LB Darrell Spells, Duke; CB Greg Jeffries, UVA; CB Thomas Smith, UNC; S Mike Reid, N.C. State; S Keith Lyle, UVA; P Tim Kilpatrick, N.C. State.

as well. Welch made 19 field goals last season, including five against N.C. State.

Environment: Coach Ken Hatfield is 19-4-1 in two seasons at Clemson, but one of the losses and one of the ties came at the hands of Virginia, a team the Tigers had never lost to or tied before Hatfield's arrival. The UVA games aside, however, Hatfield has done quite well at a place

where it's tough to satisfy the fans.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: A Sept. 12 home game with Florida State will go a long way toward deciding the Tigers' fate. An Oct. 10 date in Charlottesville will also be critical.

Outlook: The Tigers will have a tough time defending their ACC title with Florida State on board, but they do get the Seminoles in Death Valley this year, and if Moncrief develops at quarterback, the Tigers could win it all again.

Bowl: yes

CLEMSON

LOCATION: Clemson, SC

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (79,854)

COACH: Ken Hatfield (100-53-2 overall/19-4-1 at Clemson).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-2-1 (lost to California in the Florida Citrus Bowl, 37-13)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42

PROJECTED STARTERS

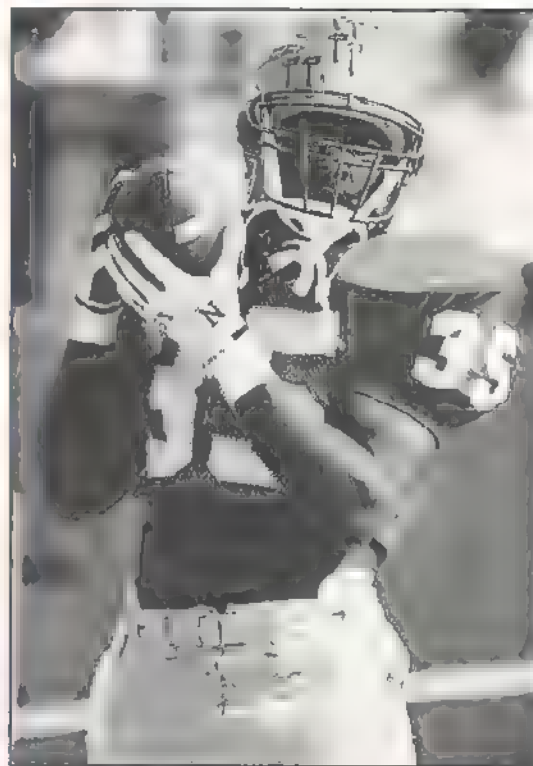
Offense—Jason Davis, FL, 6-1, 200, Jr.; Brent LeJeune, LT, 6-3, 306, Jr.; Jeff Fortner, LG, 6-5, 294, Sr.; John Harris, C, 6-2, 272, Sr.; Stacy Seegers, RG, 6-4, 320, Jr.; Les Hall, RT, 6-7, 313, Sr.; Ty Gibson, TE, 6-2, 251, Jr.; Terry Smith, SE, 6-1, 200, Jr., All-ACC; Richard Moncrief, QB, 6-1, 200, Jr.; Howard Hall, FB, 6-1, 240, Sr.; Rodney Blunt, TB, 5-10, 200, Jr., All-State, 2nd team.

Defense—Wayne Simmons, OLB, 6-2, 236, Sr.; Arthur Bussie, RT, 6-4, 245, Jr.; Brentson Buckner, MG, 6-3, 310, Jr.; Al Richard, DT, 6-4, 278, Sr.; Ashley Sheppard, OLB, 6-5, 254, Sr.; Kenzil Jackson, WLB, 5-11, 224, Sr.; Tim Jones, MLB, 6-1, 208, So.; Norris Brown, CB, 5-11, 192, Sr.; Darrell Stephens, NOV, 6-1, 224, So.; Robert O'Neal, FS, 6-2, 185, Sr., All-ACC; Eric Geter, CB, 6-0, 194, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Rodney Blunt, TB; Terry Smith, WR; Kenzil Jackson, LB; Wayne Simmons, LB; Richard Moncrief, QB; Nelson Welch, PK

TOP NEWCOMERS: Derek Burnette, LB, Tony DeSue, RB; Leomont Evans, FS; Chris Franklin, LB; Marcus Hinton, RB; Dexter McCleon, QB; Bryce Nelson, C; Bernard Randolph, OLB; Milt Shaw, RB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Levon Kirkland, LB; Ed McDaniel, LB; Rob Bodine, MG; Jeb Flesch, OG; DeChane Cameron, QB.



Sean Jackson, Florida State

PHOTO: BOB RUSSATO

3. VIRGINIA

Offense: The big question mark for the Cavaliers is at quarterback, where senior Bobby Goodman is the likely candidate to replace All-ACC signal-caller Matt Blundin. The focal point of the Cavs' offense will be Terry Kirby, who'd like to consider himself a Heisman Trophy candidate. Kirby could be the conference's most versatile performer. He led the Cavs in rushing and receptions last season.

Defense: All-American defensive end Chris Slade leads the defense, which made tremendous strides last season under first-year defensive coordinator Rick Lantz. Look for big seasons from defensive end Mike Frederick and linebacker P.J. Killian. Lantz installed a more aggressive 4-3 defensive scheme last season, and the

tangle with both Clemson and Florida State. A lot will be known about this team after then. The Cavs need to play one or two more games against rated schools outside the ACC.

Outlook: Last season was supposed to be a rebuilding year after the loss of 14 starters, but the Cavs made it to the Gator Bowl. The addition of Lantz as defensive coordinator was important. If a dependable quarterback emerges, UVA should enjoy another bowl season.

Bowl: yes.

4. NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Offense: Senior quarterback Terry Jordan will call the shots in State's option-I scheme. Jordan was the Wolfpacks' MVP in the Peach Bowl loss to East Carolina. Proven running backs Anthony Barbour, Greg Manior, Aubrey Shaw and Gary Downs return. The biggest question mark is in the offensive line, where State must replace three starters.

Defense: N.C. State returns eight starters from last year's unit that ranked 17th in the nation. State opponents averaged just 122.6 yards rushing per game. Returning All-Star candidates include cornerback Sebastian Savage, strong safety Mike Reid, middle guard Ricky Logo and outside linebacker Tyler Lawrence.

Special Teams: Tim Kilpatrick returns after averaging 39.4 yards per punt last season, but State must find a place-kicker to replace Damon Hartman.

Environment: Coach Dick Shendan is immensely popular in Raleigh. He has taken the Wolfpack to five bowl games in

six seasons. Last year State tied a school record with nine victories.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: State opens the season Aug. 29 in the Kickoff Classic against Iowa. The Pack plays Florida State and Clemson at home, but must go on the road to face UNC, Georgia Tech, UVA and Virginia Tech.

Outlook: With eight starters returning on defense State should make it back for a sixth bowl game in seven seasons under Shendan. With the addition of the Kickoff Classic, it'll be a long, grueling regular season. The offensive line is pivotal.

Bowl: yes.

5. GEORGIA TECH

Offense: The Yellow Jackets probably have the best tandem of running backs in the conference in sophomore Jimmy Lincoln

VIRGINIA

LOCATION: Charlottesville, VA.

STADIUM: Scott Stadium (42,000)

COACH: George Welsh (121-83-4 overall/66-47-3 at Virginia).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-3-1 (lost to Oklahoma in the Gator Bowl, 48-14).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Tyrone Davis, WR, 6-5, 206, So.; Chris Harrison, LT, 6-3, 272, So.; Mark Dixon, LG, 6-4, 277, Jr.; Tim Samec, C, 6-3, 281, Sr.; Jim Reid, RG, 6-7, 280, Jr.; David Ware, RT, 6-6, 260, Sr.; Aaron Mundy, TE, 6-8, 237, Jr.; Bobby Goodman, QB, 5-11, 211, Sr.; Gary Steele, FB, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Terry Kirby, TB, 6-3, 217, Sr., All-ACC; Larry Holmes, WR, 5-9, 181, Jr.

Defense—Mike Frederick, LE, 6-5, 256, So.; Mark Kirchbaum, LT, 6-6, 286, So.; Kenneth Miles, RT, 6-4, 272, Sr.; Chris Slade, RE, 6-5, 235, Sr., All-American, All-ACC; Gene Toliver, LB, 6-3, 212, Jr.; Curtis Hicks, LB, 6-3, 228, So.; P.J. Killian, LB, 6-3, 232, Jr.; Keith Lyle, S, 6-2, 198, Jr., All-ACC 2nd; Daymon Anderson, S, 5-10, 178, Jr.; Greg McClellan, CB, 5-10, 195, Jr.; Greg Jeffries, CB, 5-9, 184, Sr., All-ACC 2nd.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Terry Kirby, TB, Chris Slade, DE; Larry Holmes, WR; Aaron Mundy, TE; P.J. Killian, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Frank Bjoring, DL; Lamonte Still, RB; David Gaffman, DE; Bobby Neely, TE; John Slocum, OL; Greg Terry, LB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Matt Blundin, QB; Ray Roberts, OT; Donald Reynolds, DT; Nikki Fisher, TB, Ed Gamro, P.

Cavs ranked first in the ACC in scoring defense.

Special Teams: UVA coach George Welsh has some legitimate concerns here. He must replace reliable punter Ed Gamro, and senior place-kicker Michael Husted made only 11 of 17 field goal attempts last season. Punt returner Larry Holmes, however, is one of the most dangerous in the conference.

Environment: Welsh is king in Charlottesville. He won National and Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year honors last season while leading UVA to its third straight bowl game.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Cavaliers really have a soft lineup this season. They open at home vs. Maryland, then play at Navy. The first real challenge comes Sept. 19 against Georgia Tech in Charlottesville. October probably is the Cavs' month of reckoning, though, as they

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

LOCATION: Raleigh, NC.

STADIUM: Carter-Finley Stadium (53,500)

COACH: Dick Sheridan (112-49-4 overall/43-26-2 at North Carolina).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-3 (lost to East Carolina in Peach Bowl, 37-34).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 58.

PROJECTED STARTERS: **Offense—**Terry Jordan, QB, 6-1, 194, Sr.; Anthony Barbour, RB, 5-9, 175, Sr.; Greg Manior, FB, 6-2, 241, Sr.; Ray Griffith, FL, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Scott Woods, T, 6-4, 271, Jr.; Todd Ward, C, 6-2, 254, Jr.; Marc Hubble, G, 6-4, 273, Jr.; Shawn Johnson, G, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Chuck Coles, T, 6-6, 270, Jr.; Neal Auer, TE, 6-5, 245, Sr.; Reggie Lawrence, SE, 6-0, 178, Sr. **Defense—**Tyler Lawrence, OLB, 6-3, 230, Jr.; John Akins, T, 6-4, 268, Jr.; Ricky Logo, MG, 6-1, 278, Sr.; David Merritt, ILB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Sebastian Savage, CB, 5-11, 187, Sr., All-ACC; Dewayne Washington, CB, 6-0, 184, Jr.; Mike Reid, SS, 6-2, 208, Jr., All-ACC 2nd; Ricky Turner, FS, 6-0, 188, Sr.; Keith Battle, OLB, 6-3, 238, Jr.; Greg Giannamore, ILB, 5-11, 219, Jr.; Eric Count, T, 6-1, 248, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Terry Jordan, QB; Anthony Barbour, RB; Greg Manior, FB; Tyler Lawrence, OLB; Ricky Logo, MG; Sebastian Savage, CB; Mike Reid, SS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Carlos King, RB; Scott Reeves, QB; Andre Williams, DL; Jason Price, QB; Kevin Matier, RB; Ron Melnick, LB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Charles Davenport, SE; Billy Ray Haynes, ILB; Clayton Henry, OLB; Mark Thomas, DT.

GEORGIA TECH

LOCATION: Atlanta, GA.

STADIUM: Bobby Dodd Stadium (46,000).

COACH: Bill Lewis (34-33-2 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-5 (defeated Stanford in the Aloha Bowl, 18-17).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 54.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Brent Goolsby, SE, 6-2, 193, Sr.; Chris Brooks, LT, 6-8, 326, Jr.; John Lewis, LG, 6-3, 277, Sr.; Marty Quinn, C, 6-5, 270, Jr.; Kyle Frederick, RG, 6-4, 299, Sr.; Woodie Milam, RT, 6-4, 277, Sr.; Anthony Rice, TE, 6-5, 234, Jr.; Shawn Jones, QB, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Jeff Wright, FB, 6-1, 211, Jr.; Jimmy Lincoln, RB, 5-9, 176, So.; Bobby Rodriguez, FL, 6-0, 174, Sr.

Defense—Bill Neuss, OLB, 6-5, 232, So.; Coleman Rudolph, DT, 6-4, 261, Sr.; Kevin Battle, NG, 6-5, 295, Sr.; Richard Kinsey, DT, 6-3, 262, Jr.; Marion Williams, OLB, 6-2, 200 Jr.; Mitch Jordan, ILB, 6-1, 220, So.; Erick Fry, ILB, 6-3, 215, Sr.; Marcus Coleman, DB, 5-9, 142, Jr.; Curley Day, DB, 5-10, 174, Sr.; David Hendrix, DB, 6-2, 205, So.; Eric Bellamy, FS, 6-1, 184, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Shawn Jones, QB; Jimmy Lincoln, TB; Kevin Battle, NG; Coleman Rudolph, DT.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Grant Baynham, TE; Richard Brooks, QB; James Culbreth, TE; Mike Dee, DB; Willie Gonzalez, QB; Collin Peadar, OL; Ben Wilson, FB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Emmett Merchant, SE; Mike Mooney, OT; Greg Lester, FL; Willie Clay, DB; Marco Coleman, LB; Ken Swilling, DB.

and junior William Bell, who sat out last season. Quarterback Shawn Jones found the adjustment to first-year coach Bill Lewis' new wide-open offense difficult during spring drills. Success could rely on the rebuilt front line.

Defense: Tech will depend heavily on All-America tackle Coleman Rudolph, and it'll sorely miss outside linebacker Marco Coleman, who opted for early entry into the NFL draft. Tech will need a big year from 295-pound senior nose guard Kevin Battle. Lewis also likes Steve Pharr and Bryan Baxter on the interior defensive line.

Special Teams: Clutch place-kicker Scott Sisson, who beat UVA on a last-second field goal for the second year in a row, returns. Inconsistent Bill Weaver will battle Jason Bender for punting duties.

Environment: Lewis promises to make Georgia Tech's offense a high-scoring machine. Lewis guided East

Carolina last year to its best record in history, an 11-1 mark that earned them a final No. 9 ranking.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Tech has the luxury of hosting two of the conference's best teams—Florida State and Clemson. A Sept. 19 date at Virginia will be critical. Late-season non-conference games at Baylor and at Georgia could make or break the season.

Outlook: Former coach Bobby Ross left Lewis with plenty of talent, but it'll be interesting to see how the Jackets adjust to the new coaching philosophy. If QB Jones flourishes in the new system, Tech could finish among the top three in the conference.

Bowl: yes

6. NORTH CAROLINA

Offense: Carolina returns just one starter from last fall's offensive interior line, but top tailbacks Natrone Means and Randy Jordan return. Chuckie Burnette, Jason Stanicek and Mike Thomas will battle for the quarterbacking duties. Split end Corey Holliday leads a talented receiving corps.

NORTH CAROLINA

LOCATION: Chapel Hill, NC

STADIUM: Kenan Memorial (52,000)

COACH: Mack Brown (32-55-1 overall/15-28-1 at North Carolina)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 46

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Corey Holliday, SE, 6-2, 198, So.; Ethan Albright, TE, 6-5, 235, Sr.; Curtis Parker, LT, 6-5, 277, Jr.; James Demetrakis, LG, 6-0, 273, Jr.; Randal Parsons, C, 6-3, 268, Jr.; Scott Falise, RG, 6-3, 263, Jr.; Steve Mandeville, RT, 6-5, 264, Jr.; Jason Stanicek, QB, 6-2, 175, So.; Mike Faulkerson, FB, 6-0, 235, Sr.; Natrone Means, TB, 5-10, 227, Jr.; Joey Jauch, FL, 6-1, 193, Sr.

Defense—J.R. Boldin, NG, 6-2, 276, Sr.; Austin Robbins, DT, 6-8, 277, Jr.; Riddick Parker, DT, 6-3, 248, Jr.; Tommy Thigpen, ILB, 6-2, 221, Sr.; Rick Steinbacher, ILB, 6-1, 234, Jr.; Jonathan Perry, OLB, 6-3, 234, Sr.; Russell Gibson, OLB, 6-1, 202, Sr.; Cookie Massey, SS, 5-11, 211, Sr.; Rondell Jones, FS, 6-2, 205, Sr.; Sean Crocker, CB, 5-10, 189, Jr.; Thomas Smith, CB, 5-11, 118, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Natrone Means, TB; Randy Jordan, TB; Tommy Thigpen, ILB; Corey Holliday, WR; Thomas Smith, CB; Jonathan Perry, OLB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: James Hamilton, LB; Freddie Jones, LB; Marcus Jones, DL; Marc Montoro, TE; Tori Workman, DL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Dwight Hollier, ILB; Eric Gash, OLB; Brian Bollinger, OG; Deems May, TE; Clint Gwaltney, PK; Scott McAlister, P.

Defense: Carolina returns eight starters from a defense that ranked 19th nationally against the rush and 23rd overall. Linebacker Tommy Thigpen, an All-American candidate, will be the cornerstone. Cornerback Thomas Smith and outside linebacker Jonathan Perry will play major roles.

Special Teams: UNC must replace proven place-kicker Clint Gwaltney and punter Scott McAlister.

Environment: North Carolina went 6-4-1 and 7-4 after back-to-back 1-10 seasons. The fans are getting restless, however, for a bowl bid.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Non-

conference games with Furman, Army and Navy should make another winning season inevitable. Forget about winning at Florida State and Clemson. Key home games will be against Virginia and Georgia Tech.

Outlook: If North Carolina could ever get a quarterback to step forward and play well for an extended period of time, it might have something going. With eight starters back on defense and an easy early season schedule, UNC should at least be in the running for a bowl bid.

Bowl: yes.

7. DUKE

Offense: Senior quarterback Dave Brown, who led the ACC in total offense last season (259.2 yards per game), returns. Senior tailback Randy Cuthbert, who suffered a pinched nerve in his neck last season and received a medical hardship redshirt, will be important this season. Cuthbert was a first-team All-ACC performer as a sophomore. Brown will throw mostly to wide receivers Brad Breedlove and Stanley Dorsey.

Defense: Vital performers in Coach Barry Wilson's multiple scheme include linebackers Derrick Jackson, Duane Marks and Darrell Spells. Nose tackle Scott Youmans returns after suffering a broken ankle in the third game of last season. Look for a big season from strong safety Derrick Jackson as well.

Special Teams: Senior place-kicker Randy Gardner made 28 of 29 PATs last season and seven of 12 field goal attempts. Duke tried three different punters last season, and all three averaged less than 38 yards a pop.

Environment: Anywhere else, Coach

Barry Wilson might be feeling some serious heat. At Duke, however, football is simply a minor distraction until basketball season begins.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Blue Devils open their season Sept. 5 at Florida State. Ouch. Important non-conference games are with Vanderbilt, Rice and

DUKE

LOCATION: Durham, NC

STADIUM: Wallace Wade (33,941)

COACH: Barry Wilson (8-13-1 overall/8-13-1 at Duke)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-6-1

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39

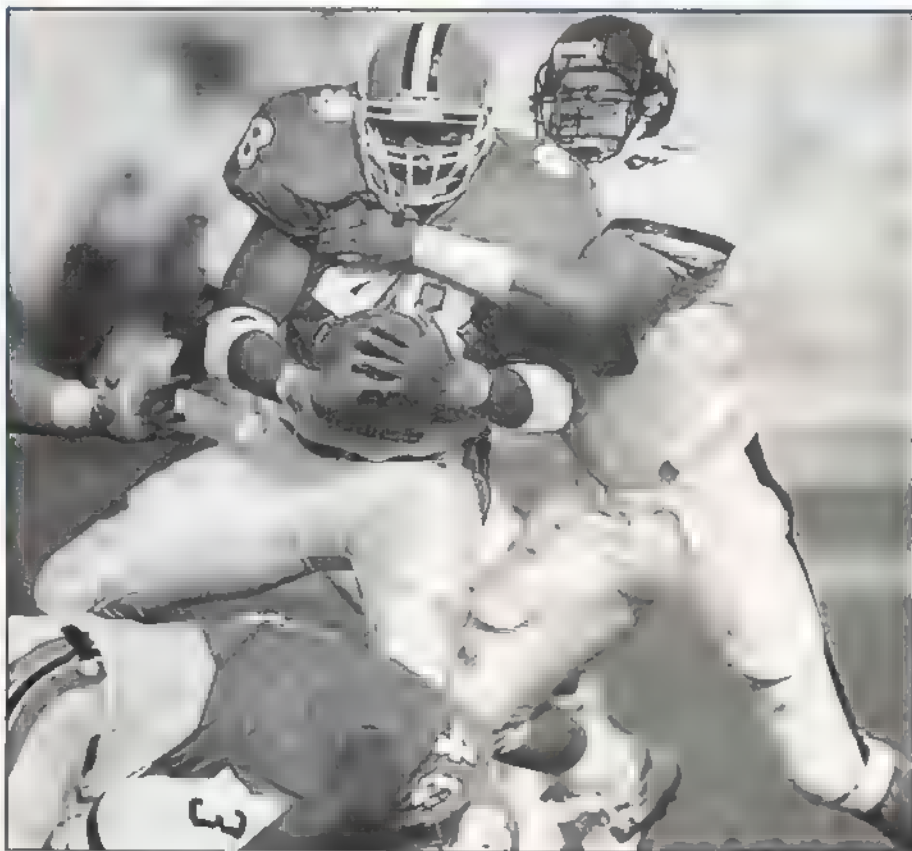
PROJECTED STARTERS: Offense—John

Farquhar, TE, 6-6, 240, So.; Brandon Moore, LT, 6-7, 275, Sr.; P.J. Schunke, LG, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Steve Alderfer, C, 6-4, 274, Sr.; Randy McGeorge, RG, 6-4, 260, So.; Matt Williams, RT, 6-3, 253, Jr.; Brad Breedlove, WR, 5-11, 170, Jr.; Dave Brown, QB, 6-5, 210, Sr.; Stanley Dorsey, WR, 6-2, 198, Jr.; Randy Cuthbert, TD, 6-3, 220, Sr.; Robert Baldwin, FB, 6-0, 200, Jr. **Defense**—Warren Sooville, LT, 6-5, 245, Jr.; Scott Youmans, NG, 5-11, 258, Jr.; Geoff Smith, RT, 6-5, 250, Jr.; Duane Marks, OLB, 6-5, 225, Sr.; Travis Pearson, LB, 6-4, 240, Sr.; Darrell Spells, LB, 6-1, 210, Sr.; Brad Sherrod, LB, 6-3, 210, Sr.; Jamal Ellis, DB, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Sean Thomas, FS, 6-1, 185, Jr.; Derrick Jackson, ROV, 6-3, 190, Sr.; Keith DuBose, CB, 5-11, 170, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Dave Brown, QB; Randy Cuthbert, RB; Derrick Jackson, SS; Duane Marks, LB; Darrell Spells, LB; Scott Youmans, NT.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Ron Burr, WR; Gerald Ford, TE; Billy Cranville, LB; Bernard Holsey, TE; Ray Morton, TE; John Zuanich, DB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Walter Jones, WR; Pete Petroff, G; Marc Mays, WR; Mark Allen, LB; Wyatt Smith, CB.



Wake Forest defense

PHOTO: BRIAN SPURLOCK

East Carolina. The season can always be salvaged Nov. 21 at home against rival North Carolina.

Outlook: If Cuthbert returns to top form, Duke could surprise some folks. Defense has been a problem at Duke for a long time, however, and this year looks no different.

Bowl: no.

8. MARYLAND

Offense: Junior running back Mark Mason rushed for a team-high 452 yards last season, while junior Frank Wycheck had 45 receptions for 438 yards. Finding a reliable signal-caller will be crucial. John Kaleo and Tony Scarpino are among the top candidates.

Defense: Senior linebackers Mike Jarmolowich and Dave Marrone were Maryland's top two tacklers last season, but it'll be tough to replace tacklers Lubo Zizakovic and Larry Webster. Defensive backs Ron Reagan and Scott Rosen must have big seasons.

Special Teams: The Terps must find a replacement for Dan DeArmas, who adequately handled all place-kicking and punting duties last season.

Environment: First-year coach Mark Duffner compiled a 60-5-1 record in his previous six years at Holy Cross. His .916 winning percentage is best among active college football coaches. Duffner signed a five-year contract and said it could take all of that time to sufficiently turn the Terps' program around. Duffner left Holy Cross after compiling a 20-game winning streak, the longest in the nation.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Brutal non-conference games with West Virginia, Penn State and Pittsburgh will make it tough for Duffner to maintain his glossy winning percentage. The Terps close the

season against Florida State and Clemson.

Outlook: Another ridiculous non-conference schedule will make it very difficult for the Terps to have a winning season. This will be a year of transition, and it isn't likely to be particularly pretty.

Bowl: no.

9. WAKE FOREST

Offense: Two-time All-ACC tight end John Henry Mills headlines Coach Bill Dooley's I-formation offense. Mills had 51 receptions last season. Five other Deacons caught at least 15 passes, and all five are back. Senior quarterback Keith West completed 51 percent of his passes last season, but he needs to cut down on his interceptions (18). John Leach is the likely starter at tailback, and Mitch Kennedy figures to get the call at fullback. Four starters return on the offensive line.

Defense: All conference cornerback George Coghill leads an experienced secondary, but the Deacs lost three starters on the defensive line. Wake's top two tacklers, end Maurice Miller and inside linebacker Scott Shelhamer, return.

Special Teams: The kicking game looks like a Deacon strength. Junior Mike Green was the ACC's most accurate field goal kicker last year (14-of-19), and he could inherit the punting duties as well since Kim Sheek graduated.

Environment: You have to wonder how much longer Bill Dooley will hang around Winston-Salem. The Deacs had 17 returning starters a year ago and still finished 3-8.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Wake opens its season Sept. 5 at home against rival North Carolina. Non-conference games with Appalachian State, Vanderbilt and

WAKE FOREST

LOCATION: Winston-Salem, NC.

STADIUM: Groves Stadium (31,500).

COACH: Bill Dooley (154-122-5 overall/21-32-2 at Wake Forest).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 44

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Todd Dixon, SE, 5-11, 173, Jr.; Tom Kleinlein, LT, 6-6, 275, Sr.; Tom Mordica, LG, 6-6, 257, Sr.; Mike Siders, C, 6-3, 275, Jr.; Ben Coleman, RG, 6-6, 310, Sr.; David Lowe, RT, 6-7, 310, Jr.; John Henry Mills, TE, 6-1, 220, Sr., All-ACC; Bobby Jones, WB, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Keith West, QB, 6-3, 188, Jr.; Mitch Kennedy, FB, 5-10, 240, Jr.; John Leach, TB, 5-9, 213, Jr.

Defense—Mike McCrary, DE, 6-4, 240, Sr.; Jay Williams, DT, 6-4, 266, Jr.; Ryan Alston, NG, 6-1, 282, So.; Dred Boone, DT, 6-2, 290, Jr.; Maurice Miller, DE, 6-3, 217, Sr.; Kevin Gies, LB, 6-0, 197, So.; Scott Shelhamer, LB, 6-1, 225, Sr.; George Coghill, CB, 6-1, 201, Sr., All-ACC; Maurice Gravely, SS, 6-4, 200, So.; Lamont Scales, FS, 6-2, 195, Sr.; Ron Lambert, CB, 5-10, 190, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Keith West, QB; John Henry Mills, TE; George Coghill, CB; John Leach, TB; Lamont Scales, FS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Jody Brown, QB; Gardell Chavis, FB; Tucker Grace, LB; Rusty LaRue, QB; Bo Loy, OL; Brian Heidebrandt, DL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Anthony Williams, TB; Marvin Mitchell, DT; Tryg Brody, DT; Tony Hollis, SS; Bob Niedbala, FB.

Army are critical. It could get ugly Sept. 12 at Florida State.

Outlook: How can you forecast anything better than another 3-8 season here? The Deacs have 10 returning senior starters, but that may not be all good.

Bowl: no.

ORDER OF FINISH

1. Florida State

Coach Bobby Bowden says this year's Seminoles are as talented as last year's, and that's a scary proposition for the opposition.

2. Clemson

Ken Hatfield's Tigers are powerful again, but will have to beat Florida State at Clemson to remain kings of this jungle.

3. Virginia

George Welsh has Helsman hopeful Terry Kirby and a tough defense to work with, and the Cavs should waltz to a bowl ball somewhere.

4. N.C. State

Dick Sheridan has quarterback Terry Jordan, two fine runners and a stout defense heading up a solid team with potential.

5. Georgia Tech

New coach Bill Lewis will install a new offensive system, and if veteran quarterback Shawn Jones gets it down, the Jackets could sting.

6. North Carolina

Mack Brown's 1992 Tar Heels need to win early and keep the momentum going to nab a bowl bid this year.

7. Duke

Barry Wilson has some offensive firepower, but an underachieving defense and hellish schedule could keep the Devils in purgatory.

8. Maryland

The Terrapins are counting on new coach Mark Duffner, a whiz at Holy Cross, to help them get off the flat of their backs.

9. Wake Forest

Bill Dooley has a veteran team, but not an overload of talent to go to war with in the rugged ACC.

MARYLAND

LOCATION: College Park, MD.

STADIUM: Byrd Stadium (45,000).

COACH: Mark Duffner (60-5-1 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Brett Stevenson, TE, 6-5, 240, Sr.; David Dunne, LT, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Kevin Arline, LG, 6-1, 263, Sr.; Terry Sauerby, C, 6-1, 246, Jr.; Ron Staffileno, RG, 6-2, 287, Sr.; Steve Ingram, RT, 6-4, 283, So.; Marcus Badgett, WR, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Mark Mason, RB, 5-8, 191, Jr.; Frank Wycheck, TE, 6-3, 234, Jr.; John Kaleo, QB, 6-11, 200, Sr.; Richie Harris, WR, 5-10, 150, Sr.

Defense—Jahmal Webster, OLB, 6-1, 203, So.; Jim Panagos, LT, 6-2, 250, Jr.; Darren Drozdov, NG, 6-3, 280, Sr.; Jamie Bragg, RT, 6-1, 271, So.; Mark Sturdivant, OLB, 6-4, 235, Jr.; Mike Hobson, DB, 5-7, 183, Sr.; Ron Reagan, SS, 5-11, 194, Sr.; Mike Jarmolowich, LB, 6-2, 238, Sr.; Dave Marrone, LB, 6-3, 242, Sr.; Bill Inge, DB, 5-11, 193, Sr.; Scott Rosen, DB, 5-11, 190, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Mark Mason, RB; Frank Wycheck, TE; Marcus Badgett, WR; Dave Marrone, LB; Mark Sturdivant, LB; Ron Reagan, SS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Kevin Foley, QB; Erik Greenstein, OL; Eric Henry, TE; Al Wallace, WR.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Gene Thomas, WR; Mitch Supplee, C; Troy Jackson, RB; Larry Webster, LT; Lubo Zizakovic, LT; Mike Thomas, FS.

By Michael
Bradley

BIG EAST

iron programs to catch—and in some ways surpass—their hardwood counterparts. It began with

Back in February, 1991, as athletic directors from the new-fangled Big East football confederation posed for photos and smiled the smiles of financial security, they were almost pushed off the front page by the exploits of the conference's basketball squads.

Face it, the Big East was a roundball league. Football could have its few months of exposure each fall, but when December rolled around, it was time for Rollie and Looie and John and the gang to take over. Miami or no Miami, football definitely flew in coach.

Don't look now, but Big East football was just upgraded to first class.

It took little more than a year for the league's grid-

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the Hurricanes' annual 12-0 season and national championship. The Canes had

been recruited for their football prowess, and they delivered in their usual grand fashion.

Syracuse's New Year's Day thrashing of Big Ten bully Ohio State was another great moment. The Orangemen, thought to be in a rebuilding mode under new coach Paul Pasqualoni, won 10 games and set the stage for a big 1992.

This football season should fill the vacuum with some serious thrills. Though full, round robin play is still a year away—as well as a legitimate champion—there will be some interesting happenings in the league this year.

Of course, everything begins with Miami. The Canes return enough talent, speed and size to make another big run at the national title. You'd think they'd retire the trophy by now.

Syracuse brings back 15 starters from its '91 team and is a Top 10 candidate with big bowl aspirations. The Orangemen are moving closer to Miami with each recruiting class by accumulating speed, the top commodity in the go-go '90s.

"There's no question that this league is chasing Miami big-time," says West Virginia coach Don Nehlen. "Syracuse has sneaked ahead of everybody, too. It's Miami and Syracuse, and you can throw the rest of us into a hat."

Inside the chapeau Pitt and West Virginia will stage their annual skirmish for the westernmost bragging rights in the conference, and both teams are minor bowl contenders this year. Pitt would've been a threat to Syracuse's runner-up status had defensive linemen Sean Gilbert and Keith Hamilton stayed in



Olanda Truitt, Pittsburgh

PHOTO: BOB ROSATO



Gino Torretta, Miami

PHOTO: TOM D'PACE



Michael Barrow, Miami

PHOTO: BOB ROSATO



Darrin Smith (45), Miami

PHOTO: TOM D'PACE

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school, but their departures left the Panthers with a wealth of offensive talent and a shaky defense. The Mountaineers have enough experience to rebound from a subpar 1991.

Two rising stars in the league are Rutgers and Boston College. Talented Miami transfer Bryan Fortay settles in at quarterback for the Scarlet Knights, who boasted a stingy defense, but an impotent offense, in '91. Boston survived a sadistic schedule last season to win four games and could be above .500 this season.

Virginia Tech will flounder as its youthful newcomers fill in for 11 departed starters. And Temple will settle into the league basement while it tries to rebuild with a collection of JUCO transfers.

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. Jerry Berndt, coach, Temple

Take away a 7-4 season in 1990, and Berndt is 9-46 in his last six years as coach at Rice and Temple. If the Owls don't win four games this year, Berndt could be gone.

2. Alex Van Pelt, QB, Pittsburgh

A huge freshman year ticketed Van Pelt as a star of the future. We're still waiting, Alex.

3. Paul Hackett, coach, Pittsburgh

Hackett was hired for his wide-open NFL offense and savvy, but hasn't delivered. He'll get one more season to prove his worth.

1. MIAMI

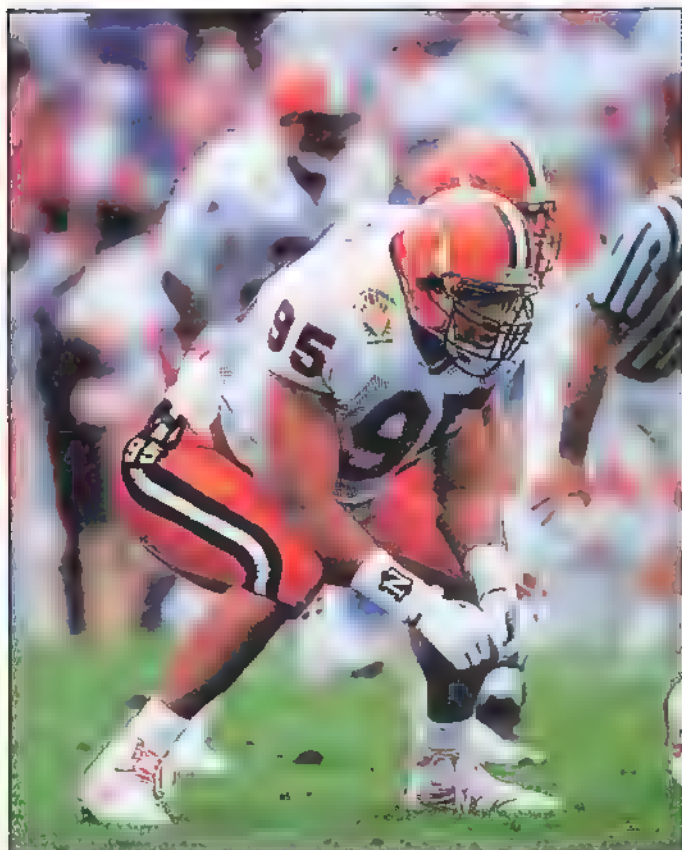
Offense: Boom! The Hurricane offense was supposed to rebuild last season with only four returning starters. So what happens? Quarterback Gino Torretta throws for 3,095 yards, Stephen McGuire rushes for 608 yards, and the "Ruthless Posse" of receivers Lamar Thomas, Horace Copeland and Kevin Williams sprints up and down

football fields across America. And they're all back in '92. If a rebuilt offensive line comes together, look out again.

Defense: The Canes boast the best trio of linebackers this side of the Philadelphia Eagles. Darrin Smith, Michael Barrow and Jessie Armstead are future NFL players, and swiftness junior defensive end Rusty Medearis is a sack machine. The only



Glenn Foley, Boston College
PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN



Garland Hawkins, Syracuse
PHOTO: BOB ROSATO



David Walker, Syracuse
PHOTO: BOB ROSATO

MIAMI

LOCATION: Coral Gables, FL
STADIUM: The Orange Bowl (74,712)
COACH: Dennis Erickson (83-34-1 overall/33-3 at Miami)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 12-0 (beat Nebraska in Orange Bowl, 22-0).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 49
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Gino Torretta, QB, 6-3, 205, Sr.; Stephen McGuire, FB, 5-11, 215, Sr.; Darryl Spencer, TB, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Lamar Thomas, FL, 6-3, 170, Sr.; Horace Copeland, SE, 6-3, 200, Sr.; Coleman Beil, TE, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Mario Cristobal, T, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Kipp Vickers, T, 6-2, 265, Sr.; Rudy Barber, G, 6-3, 285, Jr.; Brad Shirey, G, 6-5, 270, Jr.; Tirrell Greene, C, 6-3, 292, So.; Dane Prewitt, K, 5-11, 192, Fr.

Defense—Kevin Patrick, DE, 6-4, 245, Jr.; Patrick Riley, DT, 6-6, 267, So.; Mark Caesar, DT, 6-2, 290, Sr.; Rusty Medearis, DE, 6-3, 245, Jr.; Darrin Smith, LB, 6-1, 228, Sr.; Michael Barrow, LB, 6-2, 230, Sr.; Jessie Armstead, LB, 6-2, 218, Sr.; Ryan McNeil, CB, 6-2, 188, Sr.; Dexter Segler, CB, 5-9, 180, Jr.; Casey Greer, S, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Terris Hams, S, 6-1, 190, So.; Paul Snyder, P, 6-0, 201, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Gino Torretta, QB; Kevin Williams, KR; Darrin Smith, LB; Rusty Medearis, DE; Michael Barrow, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Chris Walsh, QB; Danyell Ferguson, RB; Twaun Russell, LB; Ceasar O'Neal, DL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Leon Searcy, G; Darryl Williams, DB; Hurtle Brown, DB; Charles Pharms, DB; Claude Jones, OT; Anthony Hamlet, DE.

question mark is the secondary.

Special Teams: Miami must find a replacement for graduated kicker Carlos Huerta, who set an NCAA record for consecutive PATs made. Paul Snyder returns to punt, but he must improve on distance and accuracy. No problems on the returns. Kevin Williams—three TDs on punt returns in '91—is the best in the nation.

Environment: The Canes tuned the raggedocio down in '91 and still won a national title. Egos or no egos, Miami is another championship threat.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The usual. Some toughies and some cupcakes. A Florida State/Penn State double-header in early October could determine the Hurricanes' poll fate. Miami's Sept. 19 game with Florida A&M should be outlawed.

Outlook: Look for the Hurricanes against Notre Dame for all the marbles in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day.

Bowl: You bet.

2. SYRACUSE

Offense: The Orangemen return nine starters on offense, and speed is this unit's primary asset. QB Marvin Graves has proven he's much more than an option master, and with targets like receivers Qadry Ismail and Shelby Hill, Graves should be among the league's best passers. David Walker led the league in rushing with 969 yards last season, thanks in part to outstanding tackle Terrence Wisdom.

Defense: There are a few spots to fill here. The departure of George Rooks will hurt up front, but nose guard Kevin Mitchell

is an All-Star candidate. Syracuse will be strong at linebacker, thanks to outsiders Glen Young and Garland Hawkins and inside force Dan Conley, who missed last year with a knee injury. Newcomers will surround cornerback Dwayne Joseph in the secondary.

Special Teams: Pat O'Neill and John Biskup are the league's best kicking lan-

dem. O'Neill put 75 percent of his kickoffs into the end zone last year and led the Big East in punting. Biskup is the school's most accurate kicker ever. Return men Ismail and Hill are threats to score at any time.

Environment: Those who expected a lull after Dick McPherson's retirement were way off base. Syracuse has a tough sched-



Qadry Ismail (45), Syracuse

PHOTO: FRANK J. BRANCIO

SYRACUSE

LOCATION: Syracuse, NY
STADIUM: Carrier Dome (50,000)
COACH: Paul Pasqualetti (44-19 overall/10-2 at Syracuse)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-2 (beat Ohio State in Hall of Fame Bowl, 24-17).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 32.
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Marvin Graves, QB, 6-1, 196, Jr.; David Walker, RB, 5-9, 213, Sr.; Al Wooten, RB, 5-11, 232, Jr.; Qadry Ismail, WR, 6-0, 192, Sr.; Shelby Hill, WR, 6-0, 194, Jr.; Chris Gedney, TE, 6-5, 231, Sr.; Kyle Adams, T, 6-4, 251, Jr.; Jerry Sharp, G, 6-2, 272, Sr.; John Heagan, C, 6-5, 267, Jr.; Chuck Bull, G, 6-4, 272, Sr.; Terrence Wisdom, T, 6-4, 296, Sr.; John Biskup, K, 5-9, 187, Sr.

Defense—James Spencer, DE, 6-7, 279, Sr.; Kevin Mitchell, NG, 6-1, 247, Jr.; Ernie Brown, DE, 6-32, 254, Jr.; Garland Hawkins, LB, 6-3, 236, Sr.; Dan Conley, LB, 6-2, 229, Jr.; Glen Young, LB, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Chip Todd, LB, 6-1, 244, Jr.; Ousmane Bary, CB, 5-11, 200, Sr.; Dwayne Joseph, CB, 5-10, 178, Jr.; Bob Grosvenor, S, 6-0, 187, Jr.; Tony Jones, S, 6-4, 206, So.; Pat O'Neill, P, 6-1, 189, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Marvin Graves, QB; Shelby Hill, WR; Qadry Ismail, WR; Terrence Wisdom, T; Kevin Mitchell, NG; Dan Conley, LB; Dwayne Joseph, CB; John Biskup, K.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Scott Freeman, LB; Ken Thomas, LB; Harvey Pennypacker, OL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: George Rooks, DE; Tim Sandquist, S; Greg Walker, S.

ule this season—Texas, Ohio State, Miami—but should duplicate last year's double-figure win total.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Syracuse plays a full, round-robin Big East slate, with most of its big games at the Carrier Dome. Early season back-to-back visits from Texas and Ohio State will determine a lot, as will the arrival of the Hurricanes on Nov. 21.

Outlook: The Orangemen have one of the nation's finest collections of speed stars and should score in a variety of ways this year. If the newcomers on the defensive front end in the secondary come through, that game with Miami could have huge national ramifications.

Bowl: See you New Year's Day, Syracuse.

3. PITTSBURGH

Offense: The Panthers had the Big East's No. 2 offense last year, and Coach Paul Hackett still wasn't happy. Things should be better this year—provided QB Alex Van Pelt has the big season everyone expects. Sophomore tailback Curtis Martin will help balance the attack, and wideouts Chris Bouyer and Dietrich Jelis are big-play threats. There's some experience on the line—tackle Mike LiVorio, center Chris

ALL-BIG EAST

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Gino Torretta, Miami; RB Adrian Murrell, West Virginia; RB David Walker, Syracuse; WR Lamar Thomas, Miami; WR Shelby Hill, Syracuse; TE Coleman Bell, Miami; OT Terrence Wisdom, Syracuse; OT Mario Cristobal, Miami; OG Brian Erwin, Temple; OG Joe Ciaffoni, Rutgers; C Mike Compton, West Virginia; K John Biskup, Syracuse; KR Kevin Williams, Miami.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Rusty Medearis, Miami; DE Boris Graham, West Virginia; DT Kevin Mitchell, Syracuse; DT Mark Caesar, Miami; LB Darrin Smith, Miami; LB Shawn Williams, Rutgers; LB Tom McManus, Boston College; CB Ryan McNeil, Miami; CB Tyrone Drakeford, Virginia Tech; S Malik Jackson, Rutgers; S Mike Collins, West Virginia; P Pat O'Neil, Syracuse.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Alex Van Pelt, Pittsburgh; RB Stephen McGuire, Miami; RB Antoine Moore, Rutgers; WR Horace Copeland, Miami; WR Chns Bouyer, Pittsburgh; TE Chns Gedney, Syracuse; OT Tre Johnson, Temple; OT Mike LiVorio, Pittsburgh; OG Jerry Sharp, Syracuse; OG Gary Gorajewski, Pittsburgh; C Travis Broadbent, Rutgers; K John Benestad, Rutgers; KR Qadry Ismail, Syracuse.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Kevin Patrick, Miami; DE James Wright, West Virginia; DT Mike Marinaro, Boston College; DT Mike Spitzer, Rutgers; LB Micheal Barrow, Miami; LB Tom Tumulty, Pittsburgh; LB Jessie Armstead, Miami; CB Mike Reed, Boston College; CB Dwayne Joseph, Syracuse; S Doug Whaley, Pittsburgh; S Jay Bellamy, Rutgers; P Kevin Leon, Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH

LOCATION: Pittsburgh, PA.

STADIUM: Pitt Stadium (66,500).

COACH: Paul Hackett (10-12-1 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Alex Van Pelt, QB, 6-2, 225, Sr., Curtis Martin, TB, 6-0, 188, So.; Vince Williams, FB, 6-2, 212, So.; Chris Bouyer, WR, 6-2, 175, Sr.; Dietrich Jells, WR, 6-1, 170, So.; Rob Coons, TE, 6-6, 231, Sr.; Mike LiVorio, T, 6-6, 287, Sr.; Reuben Brown, T, 6-4, 310, Jr.; Gary Gorajewski, G, 6-4, 282, Sr.; Lawson Mollica, G, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Chris Sestili, C, 6-4, 278, Sr.; Scott Kaplan, K, 6-1, 100, Sr.; Jermaine Williams, KR, 6-2, 215, Sr.
Defense—Mike Kelly, DE, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Jeff Esters, DE, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Tom Barnett, DT, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Heath Snell, LB, 6-3, 205, Sr.; Shawn Abinet, LB, 6-4, 230, Sr.; Tom Tumulty, LB, 6-4, 240, So.; Charles Williams, LB, 6-3, 245, Jr.; Tinker Harns, CB, 5-11, 170, Jr.; Vernon Lewis, CB, 5-11, 192, Sr.; Doug Whaley, S, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Lex Perkins, S, 6-2, 205, Sr.; Kevin Leon, P, 6-0, 200, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Alex Van Pelt, QB; Curtis Martin, TB; Mike LiVorio, T; Chris Sestili, C; Tom Tumulty, LB; Vince Williams, FB; Doug Whaley, S; Lex Perkins, S.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Jason Chavis, LB; Curtis Anderson, WR; Matt Hosilyk, DL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Sean Gilbert, DE; Keith Hamilton, DE; Ricardo McDonald, LB; Glenn Deveau, FB; Eric Seaman, TE; Jeff Christy, G; Scott Miller, T; Steve Israel, CB.

Sestili, guard Gary Gorajewski.

Defense: Oh, what could've been. Had standout linemen Sean Gilbert and Keith Hamilton not opted for the NFL draft, the Panthers would have one tough defense. As it is, Pitt will rely on linebackers Tom Tumulty and Charles Williams and safety Doug Whaley to stop the opposition.

Special Teams: Kevin Leon is a top-flight punter, but the place-kicking may be done by committee. Pitt has added Coach Amos Jones, who developed some solid special teams at Alabama.

Environment: After two years at Pitt, Hackett's grace period is over. He'd better get to a bowl game this year or start updating that resume.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Panthers have a manageable slate, thanks to games with Kent State, Minnesota and a late-season trip to Hawaii. Notre Dame still looms, and the Nov. 21 contest at Penn State is the last in a 92-game series.

Outlook: The Panthers should win at least seven games with their potent offense and well proportioned schedule.

Bowl: yes, but a minor one.

4. WEST VIRGINIA

Offense: The Mountaineers have to decide on a quarterback before they can hope to improve on last year's 6-5 mark. Incumbent Darren Studstill was inconsistent, while Notre Dame transfer Jake Kelchner shows promise, but has no experience. Tailback Adrian Murrell (904 yards in '91) does, along with speedy wideout James Jett. Center Mike Compton will anchor a rebuilt line.

Defense: Speedy linebackers and ends are the strong points of a talented but shallow defense. Boris Graham and James Wright can pressure the passer from the outside, and ILB Steve Redd returns from an Achilles' injury beside standout Wes Richardson. The Mountaineer secondary will be young, but safety Mike Collins is an All-Star candidate.

Special Teams: All-America sprinter James Jett is a dangerous return man, but punter Mike Vanderjagt needs to improve. Kicker Mark Johnson was only 2-of-6 from



Marvin Graves, Syracuse

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WEST VIRGINIA

LOCATION: Morgantown, WV

STADIUM: Mountaineer Field (63,500)

COACH: Don Nehlen (140-86-6 overall/87-51-2 at West Virginia)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 41

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Darren Studstill, QB, 6-2, 185, Jr.; Adrian Murrell, TB, 6-0, 200, Sr.; Garrett Ford, FB, 6-1, 223, Sr.; James Jett, WR, 5-10, 160, Sr.; Mike Baker, WR, 6-1, 184, Sr.; Nate Rine, TE, 6-5, 243, Jr.; Rich Brahm, T, 6-5, 260, Jr.; Joe Avila, T, 6-5, 280, Sr.; Lorenzo Styles, G, 6-5, 270, Sr.; Jim LeBlanc, G, 6-3, 280, Sr.; Mike Compton, C, 6-7, 289, Sr.; Mark Johnson, K, 5-7, 137, Sr.
Defense—Tom Briggs, DE, 6-5, 230, Sr.; Boris Graham, DE, 6-2, 230, Sr.; Rick Dolly, DT, 6-4, 250, Sr.; Barry Hawkins, DT, 6-6, 260, So.; James Wright, LB, 6-2, 212, So.; Wes Richardson, LB, 6-2, 212, Jr.; Matt Taffoni, LB, 6-0, 210, So.; Tommy Orr, CB, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Kwame Smith, CB, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Mike Collins, S, 5-11, 190, Jr.; Dave Mayhold, S, 5-11, 185, So.; Mike Vanderjagt, P, 6-5, 210, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Darren Studstill, QB; Jake Kelchner, QB; Adrian Murrell, TB; James Jett, WR; Mike Compton, C; Boris Graham, DE; Mike Collins, S.

TOP NEWCOMERS: John Browning, DE; Eige Longino, LB; Bo Chatfield, LB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Michael Beasley, WR; John Ray, OT; Joe Ayuso, G; Alex Shook, TE; Jim Gray, DT; Danell Whitmore, S.

beyond 30 yards last year.

Environment: Nehlen knows his team is in danger of falling into the middle of a big Big East pack of also-rans. His job is secure, but the Mountaineers have to get to a bowl and recruit like crazy to catch Miami and Syracuse.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Mountaineers play all the Big East teams except Temple, and their non-league slate includes soft-touch Miami (OH) and

winnable toss-ups against Maryland, East Carolina and Louisiana Tech.

Outlook: Seven wins should do it this season—eight if Kelchner makes Lou Holtz look bad.

Bowl: yes, but not on New Year's Day.

5. RUTGERS

Offense: In 1991 the Knights were anemic. This season the red blood cell count climbs. Miami transfer Bryan Fortay is a big-time passer, and tailback Antoine Moore (627 yards) gets to operate behind an improved offensive line. Wideout Jim Guarantano led the league with 62 catches last year.

Defense: Rutgers was second in the league in total defense last year (27th nationally) and returns nine starters. Outside linebacker Shawn Williams recorded 13 sacks last year, and safety Malik Jackson was first team all-league last year. If consistency can be found along the front line, the Knights will be even better.

Special Teams: Marshall Roberts is one of the nation's best punt returners (13.4 average), but the Rutgers kicking game could stand some improvement. David Lipetz averaged only 36.5 yards a punt in limited action last year, and kicker John Benestad made just six of 11 field goals.

Environment: Excitement surrounds the entire program. A stadium enlargement has been started, and recent recruiting classes have been strong. Everyone in central Jersey is looking for a breakthrough year.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Knights are scheduled well. Soft touches Colgate, Army, Navy and Cincinnati are mixed in with manhood tests against Pitt



Jesse Armstead, Miami

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

(Sept. 17), Penn State (Oct. 3) and Syracuse (Oct. 10).

Outlook: The Knights shot out to a 5-1 start last year, but lost four straight against some of the East's finest. Rutgers doesn't face a similar stretch this year, but needs a win over some first-division Big East teams to gain credibility. They should get at least one.

Bowl: next year.

6. BOSTON COLLEGE

Offense: The Eagles will be able to score in '92—plenty. Junior quarterback Glenn Foley was superb during the second half of last season and will be even better if he cuts down on interceptions (17 in '91).

BOSTON COLLEGE

LOCATION: Chestnut Hill, MA.

STADIUM: Alumni Stadium (32,000).

COACH: Tom Coughlin (20-22-2 overall/4-7 at Boston College)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Glenn Foley, QB, 6-2, 208, Jr.; Chuckie Dukes, TB, 5-9, 185, Sr.; Darnell Campbell, FB, 6-2, 223, Sr.; Clarence Cannon, WR, 5-11, 160, So.; Keith Miller, WR, 5-11, 160, Jr.; Pete Mitchell, TE, 6-2, 244, So.; Dan Britten, T, 6-5, 268, Sr.; Ron Stone, T, 6-5, 295, Sr.; Greg Pepper, G, 6-4, 275, So.; Ben Velishka, G, 6-5, 272, So.; Tom Nalen, C, 6-3, 266, Jr.; Sean Wright, K, 5-11, 160, Sr.

Defense—Mike Marinaro, NG, 6-3, 265, Sr.; John Stolberg, DT, 6-2, 254, Sr.; Ted Page, DT, 6-4, 253, Jr.; Jason Pohopek, LB, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Dan Kerr, 6-4, 230, Jr.; Tom McManus, LB, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Stephen Boyd, LB, 6-1, 233, So.; Mike Reed, CB, 5-9, 173, So.; Joe Kamara, CB, 5-8, 164, So.; Charlie Brennan, S, 5-11, 167, Sr.; Eric Shorter, S, 5-10, 173, Jr.; Jeff Beckley, P, 6-2, 175, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Glenn Foley, QB; Chuckie Dukes, TB; Tom Nalen, C; Dan Britten, T; Mike Marinaro, NG; Tom McManus, LB; Jason Pohopek, LB; Charlie Brennan, S.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Pete Kendall, G; Mark Hartzell, QB; Justice Smith, RB; Brian O'Connor, OL; Kevin Johnson, DT.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mark Chmura, TE; Mike Jovanovich, OG; Matt Metz, OG; Jay McGill, S (illness).

Boston's top four rushers return, including senior TB Chuckie Dukes (612 yards), a breakaway threat, and powerful fullback Darnell Campbell (641 yards). Some help is needed on the offensive line, where center Tom Nalen and tackle Dan Britten stand out alone.

Defense: Ten starters return from a unit that's solid against the run, but generous to passing foes. Nose tackle Mike Marinaro anchors an experienced front, while first-team All-Big East holdover Tom McManus and Jason Pohopek lead the linebackers. Sophomore corners Mike Reed and Joe Kamara lead the defensive backs.

Special Teams: A problem. The Eagles must find a new punter and get better production from junior kicker Sean Wright (6-of-10 FG, long, 34). Dukes is a dangerous kick returner (23.3 average).

Environment: Second-year coach Tom Coughlin had a great recruiting year, and his commitment to youth should result in wins this season. There's definitely some excitement surrounding the program.

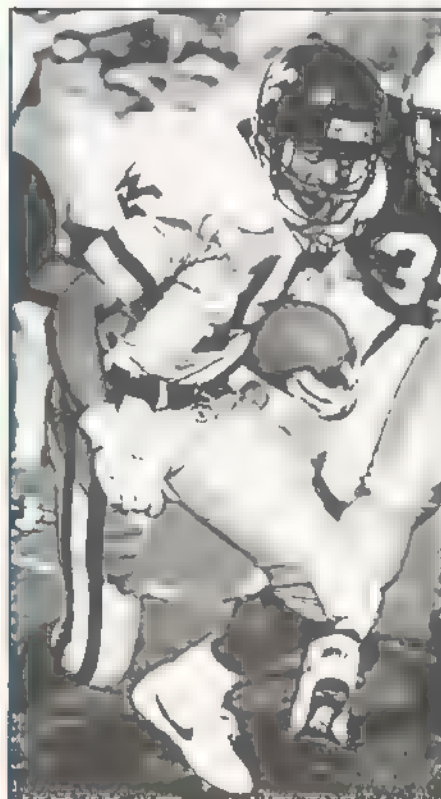
Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: This year's slate is nothing like the suicide march BC took last year, when four opponents played New Year's Day. Four straight home games open the season and will build confidence for a three-game road trip that includes West Virginia and Penn State. A Nov. 14 game with Syracuse will be a good indicator of the team's progress.

Outlook: Let's not talk championship yet. Eagle fans will have to be contented with a competitive team that flirts with .500. Five wins should be about right.

Bowl: no.

7. VIRGINIA TECH

Offense: A mixture of problems and strengths. Quarterback Will Furrer must be



James Jett, West Virginia

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RUTGERS

LOCATION: Piscataway, NJ.

STADIUM: Rutgers Stadium (20,000), Giants Stadium (76,000)

COACH: Doug Graber (15-18 overall/9-13 at Rutgers)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 41

PROJECTED STARTERS:

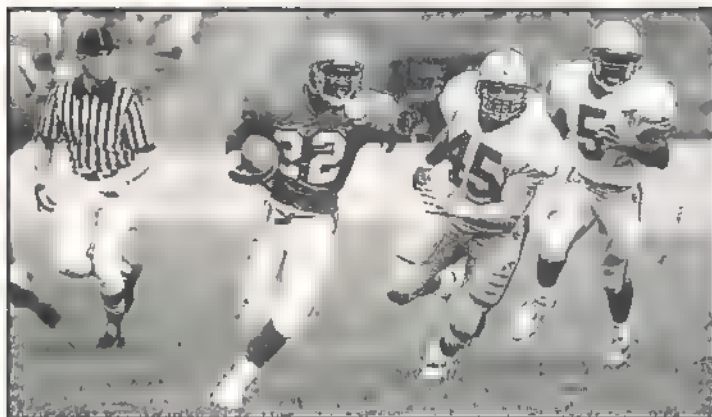
Offense—Bryan Fortay, QB, 6-3, 205, Jr.; Antoine Moore, RB, 5-11, 219, Sr.; Tekay Dorsey, FB, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Jim Guarantano, WR, 5-9, 172, Sr.; Chris Brantley, WR, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Chris Stoll, TE, 6-3, 237, Jr.; Ken Dammann, T, 6-4, 277, So.; Scott Vaughn, G, 6-6, 295, So.; Joe Claffoni, G, 6-2, 289, Jr.; Doug Kavulich, G, 6-1, 277, Sr.; Travis Broadbent, C, 6-2, 280, Sr.; John Benestad, K, 5-11, 199, Jr.

Defense—Andrew Beckett, DT, 6-4, 263, Sr.; Kory Kozak, DT, 6-2, 260, Sr.; Mike Spitzer, DT, 6-4, 288, Jr.; Shawn Williams, LB, 6-2, 247, Sr.; Josh Hedgeman, LB, 6-1, 240, Jr.; Jamil Jackson, LB, 5-11, 249, Jr.; Todd Lane, LB, 6-0, 252, Sr.; Marshall Roberts, CB, 5-9, 179, Sr.; Doug Adkins, CB, 5-9, 205, Jr.; Malik Jackson, S, 6-1, 224, Jr.; Jay Belamy, S, 5-11, 183, Jr.; David Lipetz, P, 5-10, 168, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Bryan Fortay, QB; Antoine Moore, RB; Ken Dammann, T; Jim Guarantano, WR; Shawn Williams, LB; Jamil Jackson, LB; Malik Jackson, S.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Bryan Fortay, QB; Terrell Willis, RB; Ricky Ortiz, T; Scott Vaughn, T; Ron Keller, DL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tom Tarver, QB; Tim Christ, G; Allen Mitchell, T; Gary Meiton, WR; Fernando Webster, LB; Ron Allen, CB.



Marshall Roberts (22), Rutgers
PHOTO: FRANK DI BRANCO

replaced, and the offensive line must be rebuilt around fine center Jim Pyne. Tony Kennedy and Vaughn Hebronn are a solid tailback tandem, and Bo Campbell has speed at wide receiver.

Defense: Another hodge-podge. Tech's linebackers are strong, particularly insider Rusty Pendleton and outsider P.J. Preston. Cornerback Tyrone Drakeford is one of the league's best, but safety is a problem, as is the defensive front.

Special Teams: Average. Jack Wiltshire averaged just 37.2 yards per punt last year, while Ryan Williams made four of seven field goals, including a 50-yarder. Campbell has speed enough to break a return or two.

Environment: Tech was one of the big winners in the Big East football formation, but the Hokies are in danger of falling behind their new mates. Crushing graduation losses and an average recruiting year don't keep pace with the Hurricanes.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Hokies face their rebuilding challenge with

Blacksburg

Outlook: The Hokies must rebuild fast. Their schedule should help, but questions at quarterback and on defense will limit them from winning more than five games.

Bowl: nope.

8. TEMPLE

Offense: The Owls face several questions here. Chris Paliscak tries to become the school's first top-flight quarterback in years. All four top ground gainers are gone, and the wide-receiving spots are shaky. Junior tackle Tre Johnson is outstanding, and senior guard Brian Erwin is a good one.

Defense: More problems. The defensive line is threadbare, and all four starting linebackers have graduated. A young secondary features battle-tested corners Keita Crespina and Kyle Glasper.

Special Teams: All-time school leader Trent Thompson is gone from the punting spot, and Mike Knuth was a shaky 7-for-15 from field goal range. Sam Jenkins is a solid return man.

Environment: Temple has been struggling to produce a viable Division I-A program in Philadelphia for years, and no matter what they do, the Owls can't seem to get the city involved. Without a true breakthrough year Temple will remain in the long shadows of the NFL Eagles.

a light schedule. Other than Miami and Syracuse, there are no giants on the horizon. A visit from Virginia (Nov. 21) is always a big event in

TEMPLE

LOCATION: Philadelphia, PA.
STADIUM: Veterans Stadium (66,592).
COACH: Jerry Berndt (54-77-3 overall/10-23-0 at Temple).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9.
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 32.
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Chris Paliscak, QB, 6-4, 195, So.; Efrain Cabrera, FB, 6-0, 216, Sr.; Sam Jenkins, TB, 5-10, 188, Sr.; Tim Israel, WR, 5-11, 170, So.; Lew Lawhorn, WR, 5-10, 145, So.; Russell Caso, TE, 6-4, 237, So.; Tre Johnson, T, 6-3, 300, Jr.; Glenn Tinner, T, 6-4, 271, Jr.; Brian Erwin, G, 6-2, 265, Sr.; Joe Rurgos, G, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Chris Shanley, C, 6-0, 258, Sr.; Mike Knuth, K, 6-0, 180, Sr.

Defense—Deandre McClurkin, DT, 6-4, 280, Jr.; Dave Schlagel, DT, 6-3, 259, Sr.; Jerold Jeffcoat, NG, 6-2, 279, Sr.; Adrian Drones, LB, 6-1, 236, So.; Gary Downing, LB, 6-2, 222, Sr.; Roman Hale, LB, 6-0, 217, Sr.; John Bognanno, LB, 5-11, 215, Sr.; Kyle Glasper, CB, 5-9, 154, Jr.; Keita Crespina, CB, 5-9, 185, Sr.; Daryl Nelson, S, 6-2, 208, Sr.; Keith Cox, S, 5-11, 176, So.; Kelly Sims, P, 6-0, 190, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Chris Paliscak, QB; Efrain Cabrera, FB; Tre Johnson, T; Brian Erwin, G; Roman Hale, LB; Dave Schlagel, DT; Kyle Glasper, CB.
TOP NEWCOMERS: Jeremiah Joyner, OL; Josh Saunders, DB (JUCO); Eugene Culbreath, RB.
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Trent Thompson, QB/P; Leon Brown, RB; Scott McNair, RB; Leslie Shepherd, WR; George Deveney, TE; Brian Krulikowski, G; Swift Burch, DT; Gregg Angel, LB; Santo Stephens, LB; James Harris, LB; Aaron Denton, S.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Owls have a much better schedule than they did last year, when they opened with games against Clemson, Alabama, Pitt and Penn State. Six Big East foes dot the slate, along with winnable games against Boston University and Akron.

Outlook: The Owls might win four games, but they could just as easily go 2-9. Firing Berndt won't make a difference. Temple still won't get the state's top recruits to visit campus.

Bowl: noooooooooo.

VIRGINIA TECH

LOCATION: Blacksburg, VA.
STADIUM: Lane Stadium (51,000).
COACH: Frank Beamer (64-55-3 overall/22-32-1 at Virginia Tech).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6.
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 40.
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Maunce DeShazo, QB, 6-1, 195, So.; Tony Kennedy, TB, 5-11, 212, Sr.; Mark Poindexter, FB, 5-9, 224, Sr.; Bo Campbell, WR, 5-11, 184, Sr.; Steve Sanders, WR, 5-8, 150, Jr.; John Burke, TE, 6-3, 242, Jr.; Mark Verneil, T, 6-6, 277, Sr.; Mike Smith, T, 6-6, 269, So.; Damien McMahon, G, 6-4, 277, So.; Marvin Arrington, G, 6-1, 310, Sr.; Jim Pyne, C, 6-2, 257, Jr.; Ryan Williams, K, 6-4, 260, So.

Defense—Billy Swann, DE, 6-3, 234, So.; David Wimmer, DE, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Jerome Preston, DT, 6-5, 288, Sr.; Stephan Holloway, DT, 6-2, 284, Sr.; Rusty Pendleton, LB, 6-2, 227, Sr.; Melendez Byrd, LB, 6-0, 215, Sr.; P.J. Preston, LB, 6-2, 221, Jr.; Ken Brown, LB, 6-2, 227, So.; Tyrone Drakeford, OLB, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Stacy Henley, CB, 6-0, 178, So.; Kirk Alexander, S, 5-11, 199, Sr.; Jack Wiltshire, P, 6-0, 196, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Maunce DeShazo, QB; Tony Kennedy, TB; Jim Pyne, C; Bo Campbell, WR; Kirk Alexander, S; Rusty Pendleton, LB; P.J. Preston, DT.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Tommy Edwards, RB; T.J. Washington, OL; Eugene Mays, DL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Will Furrer, QB; Eugene Chung, OT; William Boatwright, OG; Grey Daniels, TE; Wooster Pack, DE; James Hargrove, DE; Damien Russell, S.

ORDER OF FINISH

1. Miami

The Hurricanes would win any conference in the country with their blend of speed, strength and arrogance.

2. Syracuse

The Carrier Dome will be rocking this season.

3. Pittsburgh

A big year from Alex Van Pelt could push the Panthers into the Top 15.

4. West Virginia

The right quarterback could trigger an explosive offense.

5. Rutgers

Scoring on the Knights will be difficult, and QB Fortay has big talent. Could be bowl time in New Jersey.

6. Boston College

The frustration of the late '80s will soon be a distant memory.

7. Virginia Tech

Too many quality players have graduated in Blacksburg. Hokie fans will have to be patient.

8. Temple

Even the best leagues have to have cellar-dwellers.

BIG EIGHT

ing catchup—but in the offensive structure of the "Big

By Craig Harper
Boulder (CO) Daily Camera

DIVISION 1-A

Three." Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma have dominated the Big Eight in recent years with awesome running

To paraphrase Bob Dylan, the times they are a-changin' in Big Eight football. Not so much in the power structure—Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma still rule the roost with the other five play-

games, then struggled in bowl games against teams with more well-rounded offenses. Now they can officially be welcomed to the 1990s.

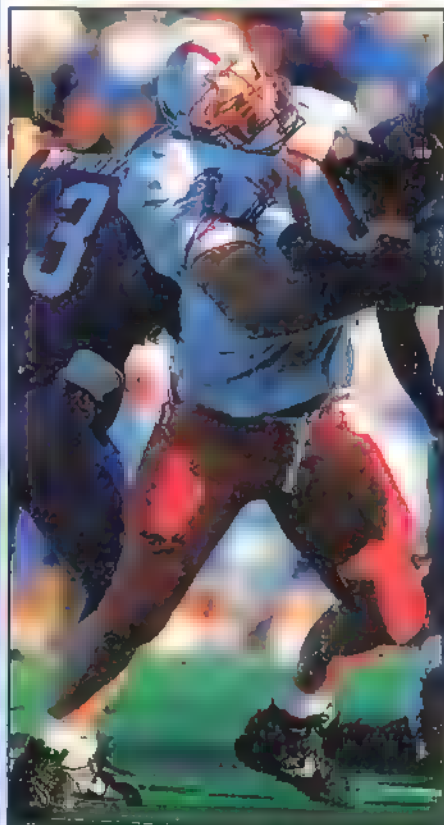
The evolution toward more passing has been gradual the last couple of years for Nebraska and Oklahoma, often depending upon who the quarterback is. The Huskers threw with some success in 1989 with Gerry Gdowski and last year with Keithen McCant. The Sooners' transformation began in 1990 when Cale Gundy was a freshman. This year Colorado, the Big Eight's outright champion in 1989 and '90 and co. titlist last year with Nebraska, is going several steps further. Bill McCartney, acting much like a head coach with 13 years left on his contract, has junked CU's I-bone for the one-back attack with an eye on passing 50 percent of the time. If not for that, the Buffs probably would be the outright favorite to make their third Orange Bowl appearance in four years.

They should have the best defense in the conference, but that defense is probably going to have to carry them for much of the season. Nebraska, which rallied in the second half to beat Oklahoma and gain the conference's automatic Orange Bowl berth, should have the best running game with Derek Brown and Calvin Jones, and a solid defense. Can the



Eric Gallon, Kansas State

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Lance Lundberg, Nebraska

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George White, Kansas

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Derek Brown, Nebraska

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

BIG EIGHT

Huskers get quarterback play like they did in '89 and '91? Oklahoma suffered the heaviest losses of the top three, especially on defense, but the Sooners have the only proven quarterback (Gundy) and get Nebraska at home. While the upper echelon will be passing more, Iowa State is going in the other direction. Jim Walden closed spring practices to put in an option attack.

The battle for fourth place probably will stay in Kansas, between rejuvenated Kansas State and Kansas, leaving Iowa State, Missouri and Oklahoma State to fight to stay out of the cellar. Kansas and Kansas State both threw scares into last year's co-champions, the Wildcats losing 38-31 at Nebraska and 10-0 to Colorado the following week and KU losing 30-24 in Boulder on a late drive by the Buffs.

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. Iowa State coach Jim Walden

The Cyclone coach is regarded as an offensive innovator and is putting it all on the line this year with a new option attack.

2. Colorado coach Bill McCartney

His winning ways on the field have earned him respect in Colorado, but his off-the-field opinions are another matter.

3. Oklahoma QB Cale Gundy

If the Sooner running game doesn't jell, he may be forced to crank up the passing game he showed in the Gator Bowl.



Chad Brown, Colorado

PHOTO: TIM DeFRISCO/ALLSPORT



Reggie Barnes (40), Oklahoma

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON



Dewell Brewer, Oklahoma

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON



Michael Westbrook, Colorado

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

NEBRASKA

LOCATION: Lincoln, NE.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (73,650)

COACH: Tom Osborne (186-43 3 overall/186 43-3 at Nebraska)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-2-1 (lost to Miami in Orange Bowl, 22-0)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 69

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Tyrone Hughes, SE, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Lance Lundberg, LT, 6-4, 280, Jr.; Chris Zyzda, LG, 6-2, 270, Jr.; Jim Scott, C, 6-2, 250, Sr., HM All-Big Eight; Will Shields, RG, 6-1, 280, Sr., 1st All-Big Eight; Zach Wiegert, RT, 6-5, 285, So., William Washington, TE, 6-2, 255, Sr.; Abdul Muhammad, WB, 5-11, 175, Fr.; Mike Grant, QB, 6-3, 205, Sr., Derek Brown, LB, 5-9, 185, Jr., 1st All Big Eight; Vincent Hawkins, WR, 5-11, 190, Jr.

Defense—Travis Hill, LOB, 6-2, 230, Sr., 2nd All-Big Eight; John Parrella, DT, 6-5, 285, Sr., HM All-Big Eight; David Noonan, NT, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Jamie Lewer, RT, 6-4, 250, Sr.; David White, ROB, 6-2, 240, Jr., HM All-Big Eight; Mike Anderson, SLB, 6-2, 230, Jr., Ed Stewart, WLB, 6-0, 185, So.; Mike Heins, LC, 5-10, 185, Jr., Kenny Wilhite, RC, 5-8, 175, Sr., HM All-Big Eight; Steve Carmer, SS, 6-2, 205, Sr., 2nd All-Big Eight; Tyrone Byrd, FS, 6-0, 180, Sr., HM All-Big Eight

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Mike Grant, QB; Kevin Ramaekers, DT; Mike Anderson, ILB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Kareem Moss, CB; Tommy Frazier, QB; Christian Peter, NT; Dwayne Harris, OLB

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Keithen McCant, QB, Johnny Mitchell, TE; Pat Engelbert, NT; Jon Bostick, SE, Nate Turner, WB; Curtis Cotton, CB, Tyrone Legette, CB, Mike Petko, ILB; Brian Boerboom, OT; Erik Wiegert, LG.

1. NEBRASKA

Offense: Senior Mike Grant will be No. 1 QB going into the fall, but freshman recruit Tommy Frazier, a *USA Today* first-team All-American, is given a chance to beat him out. It's understandable if the Huskers choose to run more, since they have the conference's best one-two I-back punch in Derek Brown (1,313 yards, 14 TDs) and Calvin Jones (900 yards, 14 TDs), but with the offense evolving into more use of the one-back, the smaller Brown will spend more time at wingback. The Huskers will be typically strong up front with three returning starters led by guard Will Shields. Also back is tackle Lance Lundberg and center Jim Scott.

Defense: NU has had to blitz to have an effective pass rush, and can do that well with excellent outside linebackers like Travis Hill and David White. The inside linebackers should be good as well, with junior Mike Anderson moving over to the strong side to replace Mike Petko and Ed Stewart providing excellent mobility at the other spot. The Huskers have two fine safeties returning in two-year regular Tyrone Byrd at free safety and Steve Carmer at strong safety.

Special Teams: The Huskers were solid in the kicking game last year, and most of the key principals are back. Mike Stigge was second in the conference in punting (40.76), but the coverage wasn't as good (fifth in net average). Byron Bennett hit 11 of 18 field goals.

Environment: Things don't change much at Nebraska, which is good news for

ALL-BIG EIGHT

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Cale Gundy, Oklahoma; RB Derek Brown, Nebraska; RB Lamont Warren, Colorado; WR Victor Bailey, Missouri; WR Bert Milliner, Oklahoma State; TE Joey Mickey, Oklahoma; T Keith Lonekar, Kansas; T Doug Skartvedt, Iowa State; G Will Shields, Nebraska; G Jeff Resler, Oklahoma; C Quentin Neujhar, Kansas State; K Dan Eichloff, Kansas; KR Tyrone Hughes, Nebraska.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Jason Gildon, Oklahoma State; DE Reggie Barnes, Oklahoma; DT Leonard Renfro, Colorado; DT Dana Stubblefield, Kansas; LB Chad Brown, Colorado; LB Greg Biekert, Colorado; LB Brooks Barta, Kansas State; CB Deon Figures, Colorado; CB Kenny Wilhite, Nebraska; S Mark Doubrava, Iowa State; S Steve Carmer, Nebraska; P Scott Villarreal, Missouri.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Phil Johnson, Missouri; RB Calvin Jones, Nebraska; RB Eric Gallon, Kansas State; WR Byron Chamberlain, Missouri; WR Michael Westbrook, Colorado; TE William Washington, Nebraska; T Jim Hansen, Colorado; T Paul Moriarty, G Mike Bedosky, Missouri; G Craig Anderson, Colorado; C Jim Scott, Nebraska; K Jeff Jacke, Missouri; KR James McMillion, Iowa State.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Ron Woolfork, Colorado; DE Greg Wilkins, Oklahoma; DT John Parrella, Nebraska; DT Gilbert Brown, Kansas; LB David White, Nebraska; LB Mike Coats, Oklahoma; LB Hassan Bailey, Kansas; CB Darnell Walker, Oklahoma; CB Jason Oliver, Missouri; S Scott Harmon, Oklahoma State; S Jaime Mendez, Kansas State; P Mike Stigge, Nebraska.

the most part. Tom Osborne is the winningest active Division I coach with a minimum of five years, and last year the Huskers came within a blocked field goal of reclaiming their first outright Big Eight title since 1989.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:

Nebraska probably won't be tested until the third game, when it goes to Washington, which rolled up 618 yards in a 36-21 win in Lincoln last year. The key home game will be Colorado (Oct. 31); CU is 2-0-1 in the last three games of the series and rallied to win 27-12 in Lincoln two years ago to clinch the Big Eight title.

Outlook: The Huskers will challenge for the Big Eight even if their passing falls off, but to challenge for the national title they must continue to progress as a passing team. With Colorado and Oklahoma passing more, Nebraska had better hope its secondary comes around, and the front three become effective pass-rushers.

Bowl: yes.

2. COLORADO

Offense: The Buffs are now a one-back team that plans to pass 50 percent of the time. The big question: Who'll be throwing those passes now that option quarterback deluxe Darian Hagan is gone. Sophomore Kordell Stewart is four inches taller and has a better arm than last year's backup, Vance Joseph. But Joseph's experience could make him the man. Lamont Warren (last year's tailback) and James Hill (last year's fullback) should combine to continue to give Colorado a good running game.

Defense: There's no reason to believe this won't be the best defense in the Big Eight. The keys are an excellent pair of outside linebackers in Chad Brown and Ron Woolfork, who combined for 21 sacks; tough inside linebackers in Greg Biekert (139 total tackles) and Ted Johnson; one of

the Big Eight's best tackles in Leonard Renfro (78 tackles, seven sacks), and good coverage cornerbacks in Deon Figures and Ronnie Bradford.

Special Teams: Place-kicking was an adventure last year, but the normally excel-

COLORADO

LOCATION: Boulder, CO

STADIUM: Folsom Field (51,941)

COACH: Bill McCartney (64-49-3/64-49-3 at Colorado)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-3-1 (lost to Alabama in Blockbuster Bowl, 30-25)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Erik Mitchell, FL, 5-10, 160, So.; Michael Westbrook, WB, 6-4, 210, So.; Derek West, LT, 6-8, 280, So.; Clint Moore, LG, 6-4, 285, So.; Bryan Stortenber, C, 6-2, 270, Fr.; Craig Anderson, RG, 6-4, 285, Jr.; Jim Hansen, RT, 6-6, 280, Sr., HM All-Big Eight; Christian Fauria, TE, 6-5, 225, So.; Charles Johnson, SE, 6-0, 185, Jr.; Vance Joseph, QB, 5-10, 195, Jr., Lamont Warren, RB, 6-1, 185, So.

Defense—Ron Woolfork, OLB, 6-3, 235, Jr., 2nd All-Big Eight; Leonard Renfro, LT, 6-4, 280, Jr., 1st All-Big Eight; Jeff Brunner, NT, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Marcelous Elder, RT, 6-5, 295, Sr.; Chad Brown, OLB, 6-4, 235, Sr., 1st All-Big Eight; Greg Biekert, ILB, 6-3, 230, Sr., 1st All-Big Eight; Ted Johnson, ILB, 6-4, 230, So.; Deon Figures, LC, 6-1, 195, Sr., 2nd All-Big Eight; Ronnie Bradford, RC, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Dwayne Davis, S, 6-2, 205, Jr.; Chris Hudson, S, 5-10, 195, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Vance Joseph, QB; Michael Westbrook, WB; Jeff Brunner, NT

TOP NEWCOMERS: Bryan Stortenber, C; Sam Rogers, OLB; Daryl Price, OLB; Rae Garruth, WR.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Darian Hagan, QB; Jay Leeuwenburg, C; Joel Steed, NT; Eric Hamilton, SS; Greg Thomas, FS; Sean Brown, TE

lent punting was more in line after an off year in 1990. Mitch Berger, a '91 junior college transfer, averaged 40.76 yards punting, and CU was sixth nationally in net punting.

Environment: Despite the change in offense, including three coordinators in as many years, there's plenty of stability, thanks to McCartney: He has 13 years left on a 15-year contract. The recruiting analysts have rated CU's last three classes the best in the Big Eight. But his personal stances on social issues have created controversy.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: About the same as last year, but the Buffs stumbled early (which they have a habit of doing), losing to Baylor and Stanford. This year they must go to Baylor, and Stanford essentially is replaced with Iowa. Baylor, the second game but the first on the road, will provide a key test for the new offense.

Outlook: McCartney doesn't expect miracles the first year of the new offense, but there's enough talent at the skill positions to make big plays. He might not have planned it this way, but it helps that this could be CU's best defensive team of the McCartney era.

Bowl: yes.

3. OKLAHOMA

Offense: Word is the Sooners won't throw a great deal more than they did a year ago when they averaged about 17½ passes and 117.7 yards passing per game during the regular season. However, with

Gundy returning for his junior year after leading OU to its two most productive passing seasons since 1983, you can bet Coach Gary Gibbs won't hesitate to put the ball in the air. Oklahoma, which probably will go to more one-back sets, has most of its receivers back, led by wideout Corey Warren (team-high 28 catches and three TDs) and tight end Joey Mickey (13 catches). Dewell Brewer (263 yards, 6.1 average) returns at tailback, and so does Kenyon Rasheed (355 yards).

Defense: This is where Oklahoma has its biggest questions, since eight starters must be replaced, including the excellent inside linebacking duo of Joe Bowden and Chris Wilson and the entire front three. The good news is Reggie Barnes (73 tackles, nine sacks) and Trey Tippens return as two very active outside linebackers. Cornerback Darnell Walker (four interceptions, league-leading 12 pass breakups) is the lone returnee in the secondary.

Special Teams: The punting should be excellent, but the kicking is a big question mark. Brad Reddell is back after averaging 39.87 yards. Even more impressive, OU was ninth nationally in net punting. The Sooners must improve their kick returns after finishing eighth in the league in punts and 97th nationally in kickoffs.

Environment: Gibbs has cleaned up a program that developed a black eye for off-field activities, but the natives were getting restless midway through last season after back to back losses to Texas and Colorado. Gibbs is 0-6 against those two and 1-2 against Nebraska, which rallied in the second half to win last year's game. But that was the only loss in the last six games, and the impressive Gator Bowl win greatly helped Gibbs.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Last year's losses should again be this year's key games: Texas and Colorado back-to-back on the road (the Texas game is at Dallas, where OU has suffered three straight painful losses by a total of eight points), and the regular season finale with Nebraska, this time in Norman.

Outlook: A fast start for one of the teams with the least returning experience in the Big Eight is imperative. The Sooners figure to have a dropoff on defense, so it will be up to Gundy and company to produce. There's too much talent for the Sooners not to be in the thick of the conference race.

Bowl: yes.

4. KANSAS

Offense: With Tony Sands gone, the emphasis will be more on the pass. Quarterback Chip Hilleary returns for his third year as a starter. Hilleary will have to find a new favorite target since Kenny Drayton, whose 34 catches were 16 more than any other Jayhawk, is gone. Dwayne Chandler (18 catches) heads a group of good pass-catching tight ends, but there's no standout in the receiving corps. Who'll replace Sands? George White is probably the most talented of the group.

Defense: Last year no opponent scored more than 19 points in the first eight games before Nebraska, Colorado and Missouri combined for 117 in the final three. If they can plug some holes in the secondary, this

KANSAS

LOCATION: Lawrence, KS.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (50,250).

COACH: Glen Mason (29-36-1 overall/14-29-1 at Kansas)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Matt Gay, WR, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Christopher Booth, LT, 6-4, 290, So.; Hessel Hempstead, LG, 6-1, 290, So.; Dan Schmidt, C, 6-1, 260, Jr.; John Jones, RG, 6-2, 265, So.; Keith Loneker, RT, 6-3, 305, Sr.; 2nd All-Big Eight; Dwayne Chandler, TE, 6-2, 230, Jr.; Rob Licursi, FL, 6-0, 200, Sr.; Chip Hilleary, QB, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Monte Cozens, FB, 5-10, 225, Sr.; George White, TB, 6-0, 170, Jr.

Defense—Kyle Moore, LE, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Gilbert Brown, LT, 6-2, 305, Sr.; HM All-Big Eight; Dana Stubblefield, RT, 6-4, 285, Sr.; 1st All-Big Eight; Guy Howard, RE, 6-3, 230, Jr.; Don Davis, OLB, 6-1, 205, So.; Steve Harvey, ILB, 6-4, 230, So.; AP Big Eight Defensive Newcomer of the Year; Hassan Bailey, OLB, 5-11, 200, Sr.; HM All-Big Eight; Robert Vaughn, CB, 5-11, 190, Jr.; Gerald McBurrows, CB, 6-0, 190, So.; Charley Bowen, SS, 5-10, 190, Sr.; James Givens, FS, 6-4, 175, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Chip Hilleary, QB. Steve Harvey, ILB. George White, TB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Terence Mays, TB; Mark Allison, DT.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tony Sands, TB; Kenny Drayton, WR; Christopher Perez, OT; Scott Imwalle, OG; Rober Robben, FB; Doug Terry, FS; Paul Friday, SS.

year should be better. Few teams have a better pair of tackles than Dana Stubblefield and Gilbert Brown, and there's plenty in reserve with Chris Maumalanga. Kyle Moore and Guy Howard provide a solid pair of ends.

Special Teams: Perhaps the best in the Big Eight, thanks largely to kicker/punter Dan Eichloff. As a sophomore he was the conference's leading punter (42.33; KU was seventh nationally in net punting) and the second most accurate field goal kicker (.750 on 18-of-24).

Environment: Beginning his fifth year, Head Coach Glen Mason believes he's very close to turning the program around, as evidenced by last year's 6-5 record, the first winning season since 1981. But he's still fighting the stigma of KU being a basketball school.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Four home Big Eight games help, but two are against Colorado and Oklahoma. Games at Tulsa (Freedom Bowl winner, but a team KU beat last year) and home with Cal (Citrus Bowl winner) could really get the Jayhawks rolling into Big Eight play.

Outlook: Mason would like to see more consistency and find someone to take up the slack for Sands and a more consistent Hilleary. If that happens, a first-division finish is a real possibility.

Bowl: no.

5. KANSAS STATE

Offense: Gone is quarterback Paul Watson, who led the conference with 2,312 yards in 1991, and receivers who accounted for all but 6.6 percent of the team's receiving yards. Last year Kansas State

OKLAHOMA

LOCATION: Norman, OK.

STADIUM: Owen Field (74,993)

COACH: Gary Gibbs (24-10 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-3 (beat Virginia in Gator Bowl, 48-14)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Corey Williams, SE, 5-11, 203, Jr.; HM All-Big Eight; Chris Watkins, LT, 6-8, 329, Sr.; Paul Moriarty, LG, 6-5, 287, Sr.; Brent Koontz, C, 6-4, 258, Jr.; Jeff Resier, RG, 6-2, 260, So.; 2nd All-Big Eight; Jason Keith RT, 6-5, 271, Sr.; Joey Mickey, TE, 6-5, 269, Sr.; HM All-Big Eight; Otis Taylor, ZB, 5-7, 187, Sr.; Cale Gundy, QB, 6-0, 189, Jr.; HM All-Big Eight; Kenyon Rasheed, FB, 5-10, 228, Sr.; Dewell Brewer, TB, 5-9, 203, Sr.

Defense—Trey Tippens, LOB, 6-3, 235, Sr.; 2nd All-Big Eight; Russell Allen, LT, 6-6, 268, Jr.; Rickey Wren, NT, 6-1, 263 Jr.; Greg Wilkins, RT, 6-4, 280, So.; Big Eight Defensive Freshman of the Year; Reggie Barnes, ROB, 6-1, 218, Sr.; 1st All-Big Eight; Mike Coats, SLB, 6-0, 232, Jr.; Mike Fields, WLB, 6-3, 226, So.; Darnell Walker, LC, 5-8, 166, Sr.; William Shankle, RC, 6-0, 189, Sr.; John Anderson, SS, 5-10, 182, Jr.; Drew Christmon, FS, 5-8, 196, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Cale Gundy, QB; Dewell Brewer, TB; Mike Coats, SLB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Mario Freeman, ILB; Tremayne Green, ILB; P.J. Mills, WR; Michael McDaniel, WR.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Joe Bowden, ILB; Chris Wilson, ILB; Mike Gaddis, TB; Mike McKinley, FB; Brian Brauningner, OT; Brandon Houston, OT; Randy Wallace, C; Jason Belser, SS; Terry Ray, FS; Charles Franks, CB; Stacey Dilard, DT.

KANSAS STATE

LOCATION: Manhattan, KS.

STADIUM: KSU Stadium (42,000).

COACH: Bill Snyder (13-20 overall/13-20 at school).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 44

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Andre Coleman, WR, 5-10, 170, Jr.; Barrett Brooks, LT, 6-5, 270, Jr.; Toby Lawrence, LG, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Quentin Neujahr, C, 6-4, 270, Jr.; 2nd All-Big Eight, Eric Wolford, RG, 6-3, 260, Jr.; Mike Orr, RT, 6-7, 270, Sr.; Brad Seib, TE, 6-4, 230, Jr.; Gerald Benton, WR, 5-8, 155, Sr.; Jason Smargiasso, QB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Rod Schiller, FB, 6-0, 205, Jr.; Eric Gallon, RB, 6-1, 205, Sr.; 2nd All-Big Eight

Defense—Roggie Blackwell, LE, 6-2, 205, Sr.; Tony Williams, LT, 6-4, 295, Jr., HM All-Big Eight; Kelly Greene, NT, 6-3, 275, So.; Jody Kilian, RT, 6-5, 265, Sr., HM All-Big Eight; Chris Patterson, LB, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Brent Venables, LB, 6-1, 230, Sr.; Brooks Barta, LB, 6-0, 215, Sr., 2nd All-Big Eight; Chuck Culver, LC, 5-10, 175, So.; Thomas Randolph, RC, 5-10, 170, Jr.; C.J. Masters, SS, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Jaime Mendez, FS, 6-0, 195, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jason Smargiasso or Matt Garber, QB, Andre Coleman, WR; Brent Venables, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Jeff Simonau, NT; Will Skeans, CB; Joe Gordon, CB

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Michael Smith, WR; Paul Watson, QB; Frank Hernandez, WR; Russ Campbell, TE; Elijah Alexander, DE; Evan Simpson, DT; Joe Boone, LB; Rogerick Green, CB

made significant strides running the football, finishing fifth in the Big Eight at almost 160 yards per game, thanks largely to Eric Gallon (1,102 yards, nine touchdowns). With all but one starter back in the line, the Wildcats should run the ball even better this year. As for the passing game, it'll probably rely on the arm of junior Jason Smargiasso or senior Matt Garber, neither of whom has played much.

Defense: To take advantage of a surplus of linemen, the Wildcats switched from a 3-4 to a tilt 4-3 alignment during Big Eight play last year. It paid off (17.3 ppg allowed), and that's the way they'll line up this year. Brooks Barta and Chris Patterson will give K-State good play at linebacker, ditto at the two safety spots with Jaime Mendez and C.J. Masters. A weak pass-rush is one reason K-State went from 19 interceptions in 1990 to 12 last year.

Special Teams: The coach's son, Sean Snyder, provides solid punting (40.51-yard average, 27th nationally), but the coverage could improve (51st in net punting). The Jayhawks need to find a punt returner to replace Michael Smith; maybe it'll be Gerald Benton, who averaged 20.25 on kickoff returns.

Environment: Kansas State has won 12 games the last two years after winning only 10 in the previous seven. Snyder is the fourth head coach during those seven seasons, so he contributed some stability and infused a winning attitude. Also, the Wildcats are just under the scholarship limit of 92, have renovated their football facilities and saw a significant jump in home attendance last year (about 29,000 per game).

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: That

first road game at Kansas could determine who finishes fourth in the Big Eight. KSU can ill-afford to stumble at home against Iowa State and at Missouri the following week after finishing the "road trip" to Colorado and Oklahoma.

Outlook: No longer the Big Eight patsy, K-State proved its mettle last year by losing to Nebraska by seven points, Colorado by 10 and Oklahoma by 21 on consecutive Saturdays. If the passing game—both offensively and defensively—measures up, the Wildcats could finish fourth again.

Bowl: no.

6. MISSOURI

Offense: This year Coach Bob Stull wants to return more to a two-back/tight end alignment that hopefully will improve a running game that was 96th nationally and last in the Big Eight a year ago (107.3 yards per game). Still, MU's strength is its excellent receiving corps, led by Victor Bailey (29 catches, 508 yards, four TDs), Byron Chamberlain (team high 39 catches, 464 yards, four TDs) and Kenny Holly (31, 399, one), and developing junior quarterback Phil Johnson (2,029 yards, conference-leading 14 TDs in his first year as a starter).

Defense: New defensive coordinator Don Lindsey has installed an attacking defense with an emphasis on speed and quickness, though the Tigers will use multiple sets with a base 4-3. Missouri's linebackers have been a sore spot in recent years, but the group appears to be getting better.

Special Teams: Jeff Jacke was the league's most accurate field goal kicker (.786, including seven of nine from 40 yards

or more), and JC transfer Scott Villarreal was sixth nationally with a 42-yard average. Missouri needs to improve in both return areas.

Environment: Stull is 9-23-1 in his three years and is losing support from boosters, especially in the Kansas City area. Also, Chancellor Haskell Monroe and Athletic Director Dick Tamburo, two of his big supporters are gone. Attendance has been down for several years. Stull might need a good year to keep his job.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Big Eight opener with CU should be interesting since Mizzou still hasn't forgotten the fifth-down loss in Columbia in '90. A win the following week at Oklahoma State is a must because Nebraska comes to Columbia a week later.

Outlook: If the defense and running game don't improve, all the passing yards in the world won't help Missouri improve on last year's 3-7-1. Staying healthy would be nice, too: Last year only seven Tigers started all 11 games, so the experience gained could be a blessing in disguise.

Bowl: no.

7. IOWA STATE

Offense: After failing to last in the Big Eight in passing yardage and scoring only 17 touchdowns last year, Coach Jim Walden decided to change to an option-oriented offense that at times will feature three running backs. He has an ideal quarterback in sophomore Kevin Caldwell. An option game needs runners, and last winter Walden suspended fullback Sundiata Patterson, last year's leading rusher. Walden may let him return in the fall. Jim Knott (223 yards, 103 of those coming in a blizzard against Colorado) and Sherman Williams (206 yards) are the top returnees.

Defense: Walden thinks this could be the best defense in his six years at ISU. End Shane Dunlovy and tackle Troy

MISSOURI

LOCATION: Columbia, MO

STADIUM: Faurot Field (92,000)

COACH: Bob Stull (40-51-1 overall/9-23-1 at Missouri)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-7-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 46

PROJECTED STARTERS:

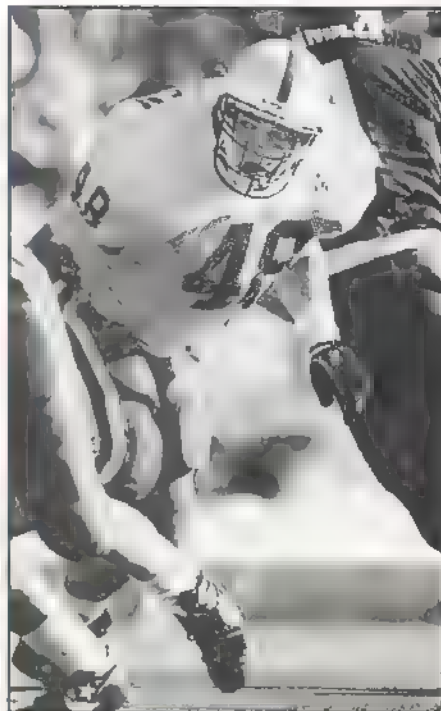
Offense—Victor Bailey, WR, 6-4, 200, Sr., 2nd All-Big Eight; Coby Crowl, LT, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Bob Petrus, LG, 6-5, 268, Jr.; Doug Hembrough, C, 6-1, 270, Sr.; Mike Bedosky, RG, 6-5, 288, Jr.; Gene Snisky, RT, 6-7, 298, Sr.; A.J. Ofodile, TE, 6-7, 248, So.; Byron Chamberlain, FB, 6-2, 236, Jr., HM All-Big Eight; Phil Johnson, QB, 6-5, 205, Jr., HM All-Big Eight; Ronnell Kayhill, TB, 5-9, 203, Sr.; Mike Schief, FB, 5-11, 219, Sr.

Defense—Stacy Elliott, LE, 6-4, 257, Sr.; Rick Lyle, LT, 6-6, 270, Jr.; George Hunt, RT, 6-3, 271, Jr.; Marc Pedrotti, RE, 6-4, 224, So.; Jermaine Wilkins, OLB, 6-3, 199, Sr.; Mike Ringgenberg, MLB, 6-4, 235, Sr.; Travis McDonald, OLB, 6-2, 223, Jr.; Kevin McIntosh, LC, 6-0, 178, Sr.; Maunce Benson, SS, 6-0, 197, Sr., HM All-Big Eight; Andre White, FS, 6-1, 185, So.; Jason Oliver, RC, 5-11, 170, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Phil Johnson, QB; Ronnell Kayhill, TB; Mike Ringgenberg or Darryl Major, MLB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Earl Brooks, OLB; Damon Simon, DL; John Saffley, LB; Scott Shedden, NT

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Sharron Washington, FS; Russ McCullough, OT; Brad Funk, C; Don Wright, OG; Skip Leach, WR; Mario Johnson, DT; Tom Reiner, MLB



Mike Anderson, Nebraska

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IOWA STATE

LOCATION: Ames, IA.

STADIUM: Cyclone Stadium-Jack Trice Field (50,000).

COACH: Jim Walden (65-84-6 overall/21-32-2 at Iowa State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-7-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Chris Spencer, SE, 6-4, 199, Sr.; HM All-Big Eight; Todd McClish, ST, 6-5, 319, Sr.; Tony Booth, SG, 6-3, 263, So.; Scott Armbrust, C, 6-3, 278, Sr.; Lawrence Roberts, WG, 6-5, 267, Jr.; Doug Skartvedt, WT, 6-3, 308, Jr.; Hussain Warmack, TE, 6-3, 237, Sr.; Bob Utter, QB, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Leonard Holmes, FB 5-11, 187, So.; Jim Knott, HB, 6-0, 203, So.; Lamont Hill, HB, 5-9, 172, Jr.

Defense—George Condit, LE, 6-4, 236, Sr.; Todd Miller, LT, 6-4, 246, Sr.; Troy Petersen, RT, 6-5, 270, So.; Shane Dunlevy, RE, 6-4, 245, Sr.; Dan Watkins, SLB, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Dan Milner, MLB, 6-1, 232, Sr.; HM All-Big Eight; Matt Nitchie, WLB, 6-2, 206, Jr.; Andrew Buggs, LC, 6-1, 180, Sr.; Shawn Walker, RC, 5-11, 167, Sr.; Kevin Fulton, SS, 6-1, 181, So.; Mark Doubrava, FS, 6-0, 192, Sr.; 1st All-Big Eight

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Troy Petersen, DT; Shane Dunlevy, DE; Bob Utter or Kevin Caldwell, QB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Donnie Smith, QB, Blaze Roberts, HB; Angelo Provenza, FB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Chris Pedersen, QB, Paul Schulte, TE, Sundata Patterson, FB, Mark Dunn, DE; Larry Ratigan, OLB; Matt Rehberg, DE; Travis Blook, DT; Matt Grubb, DT.

Petersen played well in reserve last year, and tackle Todd Miller and end George Condit return after missing last year with injuries.

Special Teams: Overall, ISU should have one of the Big Eight's best kicking games. Jon Schnoor was only sixth individually in punting in the conference last year, but ISU's net average of 36.7 was fourth and 19th nationally. James McMillion is back after leading the Big Eight in punt returns with a 14.76-yard average.

Environment: Walden continues to face an uphill battle in the numbers game, and it has often taken a toll when injuries hit, as they did last year. While Walden is a popular personality and ISU has a good support system and loyal fans, it might be about time the Cyclones show progress in the win-loss column (seven wins the last two years).

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The non-conference slate offers a chance for a fast start—home games with Ohio, Tulane and Northern Iowa—but there are four road games in the Big Eight and Nebraska at home. The keys will be bouncing back against Tulane after facing rival Iowa, atoning for a 41-0 loss to Kansas at home and beating Missouri two weeks later at home.

Outlook: Walden, recognized as an offensive innovator, couldn't have been happy with last year's offensive collapse. If the new offense works, the Cyclones could be close to a .500 team. If not, it could be uglier than the weather in Ames.

Bowl: no

8. OKLAHOMA STATE

Offense: "Back to Basics" is the Cowboys' theme on offense for 1991. Last

year OSU got away from what it has done so well for so many years: Line up in the I-formation and pitch the ball to the tailback or throw it. In Kenny Ford they had a quarterback with some running ability, but he's gone, and likely replacement Derek Chapman, a 6-4, 215-pound junior college transfer, is more of a dropback passer with the ability to improvise. Sophomore tailback Rafael Denson was OSU's leading rusher last year with an uncharacteristic 569 yards. The 5-8 Denson has added about 10 pounds, which should help him to approach his predicted greatness.

Defense: The Cowboys have made numerous position changes since last year, and with good reason: They gave up 380 yards and almost 28 points a game despite having two All-Big Eight players in the front four. Moving from end to replace departed Stacey Satterwhite and Brandon Colbert at tackle are '91 part-time starters Wendell Gaines and Andre Thompson.

Special Teams: Ricky Myers had a respectable year replacing kicker Cary Blanchard, making seven of 12 field goal tries. The punting (95th nationally net average) should be improved with the addition of Scott Tyner, the nation's top junior college punter last year. Harmon averaged 22.3 yards on kickoff returns, but only 6.0 on punt runbacks.

Environment: This is the first year Oklahoma State is fully relieved of NCAA sanctions, and in Coach Pat Jones there at least has been some stability the last two years. But it remains to be seen whether OSU can quickly build up its numbers and recruit the caliber of players it did in the '80s.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The non-conference offers hope for two wins: Indiana State and TCU (24-21 Horned Frog win last year). A Sept. 26 home game against rival Tulsa, a Freedom Bowl partici-

OKLAHOMA STATE

LOCATION: Stillwater, OK.

STADIUM: Lewis Field (50,440).

COACH: Pat Jones (52-39-1 overall/52-39-1 at Oklahoma State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 0-10-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 38.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Bert Milner, SE, 5-6, 140, Sr.; Shane Hudson, LT, 6-6, 280, Sr.; Anthony Greenlee, LG, 6-1, 305, Jr.; Matt Jose, C, 6-4, 290, Jr.; Joe Bob Warner, RG, 6-4, 278, Sr.; Mike Butler, RT, 6-2, 278, Jr.; Scott Copeland, TE, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Mark Cheatwood, FL, 5-9, 180, So.; Derek Chapman, QB, 6-4, 215, Jr.; Roger Franks, HB, 6-0, 242, Jr.; Rafael Denson, LB, 5-8, 165, So.; HM All-Big Eight

Defense—Mike Woolridge, LE, 6-3, 225, Sr.; Wendell Gaines, LT, 6-5, 280, Jr.; Andre Thompson, RT, 6-4, 250, Sr.; Jason Gildon, RE, 6-4, 220, Jr.; 1st All-Big Eight; Chaucer Funchess, OLB, 6-3, 215, Jr.; Arthur Davis, MI B, 5-11, 232, Sr.; Carlos Erving, OLB, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Tharon Tircuit, LC, 5-10, 180, So.; Todd Fisher, RC, 5-11, 176, Sr.; Cornell Cannon, SS, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Scott Harmon, FS, 5-8, 190, Jr.; HM All-Big Eight

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Derek Chapman, QB, Rafael Denson, TB; Jason Gildon, DE.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Derek Chapman, QB, Keith Burns, DB, Shane Hudson, OT, Lee Gilchrist, OT, Allen Orts, OL

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mike Clark, CB; Stacey Satterwhite, DT; Robert Kirkeby, FL; Brian Bobo, OG; Pete Surette, C; Kenny Ford, QB.

pant, is significant, coming as the only home game in a four-game stretch.

Outlook: It can't get any worse for Oklahoma State, and if the Cowboys get improved play at quarterback from Chapman and a couple of wins early to shake the losing stigma, this could be a semi-tumaround season.

Bowl: no.

ORDER OF FINISH

1. Nebraska

Give this team solid quarterback play and an improved defense, and it's back to Miami.

2. Colorado

The Buffs have five games to get the offense going, then they face Oklahoma and Nebraska in two of the next three.

3. Oklahoma

If the Sooners carry their bowl momentum into the season and bounce back against Colorado after Texas, beware.

4. Kansas

Last year Kansas State took fourth place by four points. With an experienced quarterback it's the Jayhawks' turn to step up.

5. Kansas State

The Wildcats are for real under Bill Snyder and will finish above .500 again.

6. Missouri

It's about time the Tigers got some breaks, but it'd be nice if they could run and stop the run better.

7. Iowa State

Jim Walden knows how to put an offense together, but does he have the backs to make the option work?

8. Oklahoma State

The Cowboys will win a game or two, but it's still going to be a struggle.

By Chris McCosky
The Ann Arbor (MI)
News

BIG TEN

None. "The Big Ten is a mediocre conference with mediocre teams and mediocre coaches, and I have felt that

Coaches in the Big Ten these days proudly claim their conference can no longer be called the Big Two, Little Eight as it was through the '70s and early '80s when Michigan and Ohio State ruled. And they're correct. The Big Ten ought to be called the Big One, or perhaps the Big

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way for a long time," says ESPN college football analyst Beano Cook. Overstated? Consider:

- No Big Ten team has won a national championship since Ohio State in 1968.
- Since 1980 Michigan has been the only Big Ten team to finish among the Top Five.
- A Big Ten team other than Michigan or Ohio State has finished among the Top 10 just seven times in the last 23 years.
- In the last 10 seasons the Big Ten is 20-28-1 in bowl games (2-8 in the Rose Bowl).
- Since 1975, when the Big Ten began allowing its teams to play in other bowls, the conference is 28-41-1 (3-14 in the Rose Bowl).
- In the last five years Big Ten teams are 3-26-1 against teams outside the conference that finished the year ranked among the Top 10.

Michigan has dominated play in the Big Ten the last four years like no one team has done since Minnesota's string of titles in the 1930s. In winning the last four championships, three outright and one shared, the Wolverines have compiled a 29-2-1 conference record. However, their non-conference record in those years is 9-7. Their record against teams that finished among the Top 10: 1-7.

Is the Big Ten facing a credibility crisis? "I wouldn't say that," says Michigan coach Gary Moeller. "It goes in cycles. We just have some teams in our conference that are going through some rough waters—like Ohio State and Michigan State. These teams will get back to where they were. This happens in every conference. Look at the Pac-10. Where was Washington five years ago? Where was Cal? Now those teams are up, and USC and UCLA are down."

Don't expect the cycle to take an upward swing in the Big Ten in 1992. The Wolverines—even though they lost a Heisman Trophy winner (Desmond



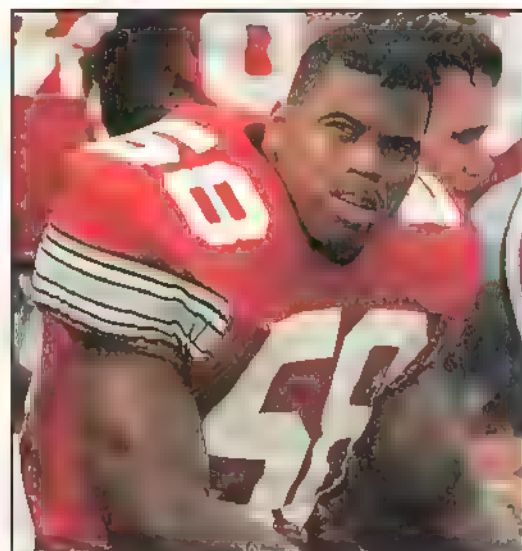
Jim Miller, Michigan State
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Tico Duckett, Michigan State
PHOTO: BRIAN MASCK/ALLSPORT



Robert Smith, Ohio State
PHOTO: TOM DIPACE



Steve Tovar, Ohio State
PHOTO: BRIAN SPURLOCK

BIG TEN

Howard), a Butkus Award winner (Erick Anderson) and a Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy finalist (Greg Skrepenak)—appear stronger, swifter and deeper than the rest of the conference.

Iowa and Ohio State will again be in close pursuit, but each has major flaws. Iowa, while strong up front on both sides of the ball, has some concerns in the backfield and in the secondary. Jim Hartlieb, who'll replace four-year starter Matt Rodgers at quarterback, has been bothered by lingering rotator cuff pain in his throwing arm. Ohio State should field its best team in Coach John Cooper's five-year tenure.

The conference's best offensive line and a stable of superb running backs are just a couple of its assets. But the Buckeyes are still searching for a quarterback and a direction for the offense. Kirk Herbstreit has some experience, but he's more of a run-oriented quarterback. Bob Hoying is a better thrower, but he's a raw redshirt freshman. Cooper says he wants to throw more, but his talent seems to indicate he should run more.

Iowa and Ohio State will be battling for the Big Ten's runners-up bowls (the Citrus for No. 2 and the Holiday for No. 3). As for the rest of the conference, well, see the Beano Cook quote.

Indiana, Michigan State and Illinois will again muddle in the middle, with Purdue, Minnesota and Northwestern anchored at the bottom. The Hoosiers have finished in the upper division three out of the last four years, but are 2-10-1 against Michigan, Illinois, Ohio State and Iowa over that span. Michigan State has the talent to contend, but these are stormy days for Coach George Perles. He lost his athletic directorship in a bitter power struggle with the university's president, and every year he's rumored to be leaving East Lansing for a job in the NFL. Illinois, descending since its second-place finish in 1989, lost Coach John Mackovic to Texas. Mackovic's defen-

sive coordinator, Lou Tepper, takes over. Purdue coach Jim Colletto is in the second year of his massive reclamation project, while Minnesota and Northwestern begin theirs this year. Former TCU coach Jim Wacker takes over at Minnesota, while former Colorado assistant Gary Barnett is in charge at Northwestern.

If there's a program on the rise, it's Wisconsin. Barry Alvarez has in three years brought his team to the brink of the upper division.

The disparity between rich and poor is as wide as ever in the Big Ten. Ah, but there's hope on the horizon. Penn State joins the conference in 1993.

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. George Perles, Michigan State coach

Even though he has six years left of a 10-year contract, he has lost a power struggle with MSU President John DiBiaggio and was booted as athletic director. He has since been publicly outspoken against DiBiaggio. On top of that, he's coming off a 3-8 season, and the Spartans haven't been to the Rose Bowl since 1987.

2. John Cooper, Ohio State coach

He was promised a three-year extension on his original contract, but that promise hasn't been put to paper and signed. Cooper has yet to beat Michigan or Illinois or win a bowl game in his four seasons.

3. Eric Hunter, quarterback, Purdue

This is it. Last chance to prove he's indeed a major NFL prospect as people have claimed since his impressive freshman year.



Eric Hunter, Purdue

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Ricky Powers, Michigan

PHOTO: JON SOOHOO/BERNSTEIN ASSOCIATES

1. MICHIGAN

Offense: Using Gary Moeller's diverse multiple-set, no-huddle attack, the Wolverines have enjoyed the most productive offense in the conference the past two seasons, averaging 34 points and 431 yards per game. Quarterback Elvis Grbac hasn't missed a start the last two seasons and was the nation's most efficient passer last year (65 percent completions, 2,085 yards, 25 TDs, six interceptions), but he'll no longer have Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard to throw to. Derrick Alexander is the most experienced receiver, but he's recovering from reconstructive knee surgery. Look for the Wolverines to get maximum production, both rushing and receiving, out of its talented tailbacks. Ricky Powers (1,197 yards), Jesse Johnson (634) and Tyrone Wheatley (548). Michigan must also rebuild half of its offensive line with the graduation of All-Americans Greg Skrepenak and Matt Elliott, and tight end Dave Diebolt.

Defense: A lethargic, read and react, 3-4 defense has been retooled and rejuvenated. There's more speed in the secondary (Alfie Burch and Coleman Wallace at the corners), more speed at inside linebacker (Steve Morrison and Marcus Walker) and a six-player rotation of the three down-line positions. Instead of read and react, Michigan looks to attack and read on the run. Free safety Corwin Brown is one of the fiercest hitters in the conference. Outside linebacker remains a potential weakness.

Special Teams: Big holes to fill here. All-

MICHIGAN

LOCATION: Ann Arbor, MI.

STADIUM: Michigan Stadium (101,701).

COACH: Gary Moeller (25-29-3 overall/19-5 in two years at Michigan).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-2 (lost to Washington in the Rose Bowl, 34-14).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Steve Everitt, C, 6-5, 270, Sr., All-Big Ten 2nd; Rob Doherty, OT, 6-6, 296, Sr.; Doug Skene, OT, 6-6, 288, Sr.; Joe Cocozzo, OG, 6-3, 294, Sr., All-Big Ten 2nd; Shawn Miller, OG, 6-4, 269, So.; Tony McGee, TE, 6-5, 241, Sr., Walter Smith, WR, 5-11, 190, So.; Derrick Alexander, WR, 6-2, 169, Jr.; Ricky Powers, TB, 6-0, 205, Jr., All-Big Ten 1st; Burnie Legette, FB, 6-1, 221, Sr., Elvis Grbac, QB, 6-5, 220, Sr., All-Big Ten 1st; Remy Hamilton, PK, 6-1, 195, Fr.

Defense—Tony Henderson, MG, 6-2, 265, So.; Buster Stanley, DT, 6-2, 261, Jr., All-Big Ten HM; Chris Hutchinson, DT, 6-2, 260, Sr., All-Big Ten 2nd; Steve Morrison, ILB, 6-3, 230, Jr.; Marcus Walker, ILB, 6-0, 230, So.; Martin Davis, OLB, 6-3, 234, Sr.; Matt Dyson, OLB, 6-5, 235, So.; Dwayne Ware, CB, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Alfie Burch, CB, 6-2, 185, Jr.; Corwin Brown, FS, 6-2, 185, Sr.; Pat Maloney, SS, 6-2, 194, Sr.; Eddie Azcona, P, 5-10, 189, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Elvis Grbac, QB; Steve Everitt, C; Steve Morrison, ILB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Trent Zenkewicz, DT; Shawn Collins, OLB; Amani Toomer, WR; Remy Hamilton, PK; Che Foster, FB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Desmond Howard, WR; Greg Skrepenak, OT; Erick Anderson, ILB; Matt Elliott, C/OG; Brian Townsend, OLB; Mike Evans, DT; J.D. Carlson, PK; Lance Doffin, CB; Dave Ritter, S.

ALL-BIG TEN

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Elvis Grbac, Michigan; RB Tico Duckett, Michigan State; RB Ricky Powers, Michigan; WR Ernest Calloway, Purdue; WR Danan Hughes, Iowa; TE Mitch Lyons, Michigan State; T Scott Davis, Iowa; T Alan Kline, Ohio State; G Joe Cocozzo, Michigan; G Chuck Belin, Wisconsin; C Mike Devlin, Iowa; PK Scott Bonnell, Indiana; KR Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: DL Chris Hutchinson, Michigan, DL Greg Smith, Ohio State; DL Jeff Zgonina, Purdue; DL Mike Wells, Iowa; LB Steve Tovar, Ohio State; LB Dana Howard, Illinois; LB Jason Simmons, Ohio State; CB Jimmy Young, Purdue; CB Willie Lindsey, Northwestern; S Roger Harper, Ohio State; S Corwin Brown, Michigan; P Forry Wells, Indiana.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Len Williams, Northwestern; RB Robert Smith, Ohio State; RB Jeff Hill, Purdue; WR Lee DeRamus, Wisconsin; WR Derrick Alexander, Michigan; TE Alan Cross, Iowa; T Jason Winrow, Ohio State; T Brad Hopkins, Illinois; G Toby Heaton, Michigan State; C Steve Everitt, Michigan; PK Chris Richardson, Illinois; KR Mill Coleman, Michigan State.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE: DL William Reese, Michigan State; DL Mike Thompson, Wisconsin; DL Larry Blue, Iowa; DL Buster Stanley, Michigan; LB Andre Davis, Minnesota; LB Rob Fredrickson, Michigan State; LB Gary Casper, Wisconsin; CB Drinon Mays, Minnesota; CB Mose Richardson, Indiana; S Reggie Holt, Wisconsin; S Myron Bell, Michigan State; P Dean Kaufman, Minnesota.

Big Ten kicker J.D. Carlson is gone, leaving his brother Justin and incoming freshman Remy Hamilton to battle for the job. The punting remains adequate with Eddie Azcona and Chris Stapleton, but Michigan will miss Howard's game-breaking abilities on both the punt and kick returns. Wheatley will likely take kickoffs, while receivers Felman Malveaux and Walter Smith will return punts.

Environment: Life is good. After a shaky 3-3 start in his rookie season, Gary Moeller has gone 16-2, 13-0 in the conference, beat Ohio State twice and won the Big Ten title twice. He's also won off the field. Michigan's last three recruiting classes were ranked among the nation's top five. Nobody asks about Bo Schembechler anymore.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Michigan faces the unenviable task of opening its season at Notre Dame. The Irish will have already played a game. The Wolverines will open the Big Ten season at home against contenders Iowa and Michigan State, as they did in 1990 when they lost both games. They also face two tough road tests, at Indiana (Oct. 17) and at Ohio State (Nov. 21).

Outlook: The Wolverines appear set to make history: No Michigan team has won five straight Big Ten titles. The last conference team to win more than four straight was Ohio State (1972-'77).

Bowl: yes.

2. IOWA

Offense: A familiar name, but a new man will quarterback Hayden Fry's multiple-set. Senior Jim Hartlieb, brother of former Hawkeye All-American QB Chuck Hartlieb, replaces two-time All-Big Ten pick Matt Rodgers. There's no concern over Hartlieb's ability. He won both games he started last year, passing for 389 yards and

four TDs. There is concern about his health. He has been bothered by a rotator cuff problem in his throwing arm. No surgery is planned. The other concern is the running game. Little-used Marvin Lampkin and Ryan Terry, a transfer from Tennessee State, will battle for the tailback spot. The

IOWA

LOCATION: Iowa City, IA.

STADIUM: Kinnick Stadium (70,300).

COACH: Hayden Fry (189-140-9 overall/100-51-5 in 13 years at Iowa).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-1 (tied BYU in the Holiday Bowl, 13-13).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Mike Devlin, C, 6-3, 275, Sr., All-Big Ten 1st; Ted Velicer, OG, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Mike Ferroni, OG, 6-2, 280, Sr.; Scott Davis, OT, 6-4, 270, Sr., All-Big Ten HM; Bob Rees, OT, 6-7, 275, Sr.; Alan Cross, TE, 6-4, 225, Sr., All-Big Ten HM; Danan Hughes, WR, 6-2, 202, Sr., All-Big Ten HM; Harold Jasper, WR, 5-10, 185, So.; Marvin Lampkin, TB, 5-10, 202, Sr.; Lew Montgomery, FB, 6-0, 212, Sr., All-Big Ten HM; Jim Hartlieb, QB, 6-1, 210, Sr.; Todd Romano, PK, 6-2, 198, RS Fr.

Defense—Brett Bielema, NG, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Mike Wells, DT, 6-4, 275, Jr.; Jeff Nelson, DT, 6-4, 275, Sr.; Larry Blue, DE, 6-5, 235, Sr.; John Hartlieb, DE, 6-2, 225, So.; Teddy Jo Foley, LB, 6-3, 236, Sr.; Mike Dailey, LB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Scott Plate, CB, 5-11, 195, Jr.; Carlos James, CB, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Jason Olejnic, 6-0, 195, Jr.; Doug Buch, FS, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Scott Fisher, P, 6-3, 200, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jim Hartlieb, QB; Marvin Lampkin, RB; Mike Dailey, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Ryan Terry, RB; Sedrick Shaw, RB; Billy Coats, DB; Damien Robinson, DB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Matt Rodgers, QB; Mike Saunders, RB; Rob Baxley, OL; John Derby, LB; Leroy Smith, DE; Ron Geater, DT.

line is strong, anchored by All-Big Ten center Mike Devlin.

Defense: The line should be strong with junior Mike Wells, senior Larry Blue and sophomore John Hartlieb. The linebackers are a bit of a question with senior Teddy Jo Faley and junior Mike Dailey. But the big concern is in the secondary where three starters are gone.

Special Teams: A sore spot for the Hawkeyes last year, and it remains a problem. Jim Hujzak returns as the punter. He was last in the conference with a 32.6-yard average. Todd Romano, a redshirt freshman, will replace three-year place-kicker Jeff Skilleit. Romano may also get a shot at the punting job. Speedy Harold Jasper returns to handle both kickoff (20.4) and punt (6.9) returns.

Environment: He's 63 years old and has coached for 30 of them. The whispers have begun. How many more years of coaching does Hayden Fry have left?

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Murderous at the beginning, mild down the stretch. After opening early against N.C. State in the Kickoff Classic, the Hawkeyes host defending national champ Miami and rival Iowa State before traveling to Colorado and Michigan. Tough duty. After that they face pivotal games against Ohio State at home (Oct. 31) and at Indiana (Nov. 7).

Outlook: Iowa's bid for three straight 10-win seasons falls short, but six conference wins will land the team in the Citrus Bowl. **Bowl:** yes.

3. OHIO STATE

Offense: The car is in great shape, but who's going to drive it and in which direction? The Buckeyes have arguably the best offensive line and backfield in the conference. The line is secured by tackles Alan Kline and Jason Winrow. The backfield, which features tailback Butler Bynote (648 yards) and fullbacks Raymond Harris and Jeff Cothran, was strengthened by the return of tailback Robert Smith, the freshman of the year in 1990 who left the team last year. Yet Coach John Cooper has said he plans to throw the ball 60 percent of the time, and the Buckeyes lack a proven quarterback. Senior Kirk Herbstreit, not overly impressive in two starts last year, will get the first shot. He'll be challenged by redshirt freshman Bob Hoying.

Defense: Strong. Seven starters return from the second stingiest defense in the conference: senior All-American linebacker Steve Tovar, senior nose guard Greg Smith, junior linebacker Jason Simmons and the complete secondary—senior cornerback Foster Paulk, junior cornerback Tim Walton and junior safeties Roger Harper and Chico Nelson.

Special Teams: Tim Williams, fifth in the conference in both kick scoring (63 points, 10-for-16 field goals) and punting (38.5) returns. Brian Stablein will return punts, and Dante Lee will return kicks.

Environment: The tension that has wracked this program since Cooper took over four years ago wasn't allayed by the promise of a three-year contract extension. Not one player on the Ohio State roster has tasted victory against Michigan, Illinois or in

OHIO STATE

LOCATION: Columbus, OH
STADIUM: Ohio Stadium (91,470)
COACH: John Cooper (109-58-4 overall/27-18-2 in four years at Ohio State)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-4 (defeated by Syracuse in the Hall of Fame Bowl, 24-17).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30.
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Paul Long, C, 6-5, 270, Sr., All-Big Ten HM; Len Hartman, OG, 6-2, 280, Sr.; Rod Smith, OG, 6-3, 285, Jr.; Alan Kline, OT, 6-7, 290, Jr., All-Big Ten 1st, Jason Winrow, OT, 6-6, 290, Jr., All-Big Ten HM; Cedric Saunders, TE, 6-3, 238, Jr.; Brian Stablein, WR, 6-1, 186, Sr., All-Big Ten HM; Joey Galloway, WR, 5-10, 170, Jr.; Robert Smith, TB, 6-2, 195, So.; Jeff Cothran, FB, 6-2, 220, Jr.; Kirk Herbstreit, QB, 6-2, 213, Sr.; Tim Williams, PK, 5-9, 180, Jr., All-Big Ten HM.
Defense—Greg Smith, MG, 6-2, 250, Sr., All-Big Ten 2nd; Pete Beckman, DT, 6-5, 235, So.; Derrick Foster, DE, 6-5, 265, Sr.; Mark Williams, OLB, 6-4, 220, Jr.; Jason Simmons, OLB, 6-5, 240, Jr., All-Big Ten 1st; Steve Tovar, ILB, 6-4, 240, Sr., Kodak All-American, All-Big Ten 1st, Alex Rodriguez, ILB, 6-1, 224, So.; Tim Walton, CB, 6-0, 165, Jr.; Foster Paulk, CB, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Roger Harper, SS, 6-4, 224, Jr., All-Big Ten HM; Chico Nelson, FS, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Tim Williams, P, 6-2, 185, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Kirk Herbstreit, QB; Robert Smith, RB; Steve Tovar, ILB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Bob Hoying, QB; Dan Wilkinson, DT; Craig Powell, OLB; Korey Stringer, OL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Carlos Snow, RB; Scottie Graham, FB; Kent Graham, QB; Bernard Edwards, WR; Jeff Ellis, TE; Judan Herman, LB; Alonzo Spellman, DE; John Kacherski, OLB.

a bowl game. Cooper's head is still in the noose.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Buckeyes should cruise through their first six games. But down the stretch they have to play at Michigan State, Iowa and Indiana before closing at home against Michigan.

Outlook: Unless a quarterback emerges, the Buckeyes will falter down the stretch



Elvis Grbac, Michigan

PHOTO BY RON VESLEY

and settle for another minor bowl. **Bowl:** yes.

4. INDIANA

Offense: Not spectacular, but steady. Even with All-American tailback Vaughn Dunbar gone, Indiana should match its 419-yard, 26-point averages of a year ago. Senior quarterback Trent Green (third in total offense, fourth in passing efficiency) returns, as do junior receivers Thomas Lewis (39 catches, 581 yards) and Scott McGowan (15-325). The battle to replace Dunbar in Coach Bill Mallory's I-formation attack will be between sophomore Brett Law and redshirt freshman Shawn Glover.

Defense: Less experienced perhaps, but better athletes should make IU's attacking 4-3 defense more effective than it was a year ago when it forced just 18 turnovers and yielded nearly 19 points per game. Redshirt freshman Al Turner steps into the inside linebacker spot vacated by All-Big Ten Mark Hagen. Secondary should be improved with sophomore Mose Richardson, junior Mike Middleton and sophomore Damon Watts returning.

Special Teams: Scott Bonnell (13-for-17 field goals) is arguably the best place-kicker in the conference, and punter Jim DiGiulio showed a strong, though inconsistent, leg (37.6). Thomas Lewis and Scott McGowan will handle the returns. Indiana must improve its coverage units, which were among the worst in the conference.

Environment: The consistency, one losing season the last six years, is appreciated. But you have to wonder when, or if, the Hoosiers will make a

INDIANA

LOCATION: Bloomington, IN.
STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (52,354).
COACH: Bill Mallory (144-98-4 overall/44-46-3 in eight years at Indiana).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4-1 (beat Baylor in the Copper Bowl, 24-0).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39.
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Jason Mack, C, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Jim Hannon, OG, 6-2, 280, Jr.; Andrew Greene, OG, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Jason Boyd, OT, 6-5, 290, So.; Tom McKinnon, OT, 6-6, 295, So.; Ross Hales, TE, 6-7, 265, Jr.; Scott McGowan, WR, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Thomas Lewis, WR, 6-2, 190, So.; Brett Law, TB, 5-10, 195, So.; Tobie Kerns, FB, 6-0, 230, So.; Trent Green, QB, 6-4, 215, Sr., All-Big Ten HM, Scott Bonnell, PK, 5-11, 170, Sr., All-Big Ten 2nd.
Defense—Matt Bomba, DT, 6-5, 270, Sr.; Hurvin McCormack, DT, 6-4, 260, So.; Larry McDaniel, DE, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Charles Beauchamp, DE, 6-2, 230, Jr., All-Big Ten HM; Al Thurman, MLB, 6-1, 225, RS Fr.; John Miller, LB, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Arnold Mickens, OLB, 5-11, 204, RS Fr.; Mose Richardson, CB, 6-2, 180, So.; Mike Middleton, CB, 5-11, 210, Jr.; Steve Perkins, SS, 6-4, 205, Jr.; Damon Watts, FS, 5-10, 175, So.; Jim DiGiulio, P, 6-0, 180, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Brett Law, TB; Al Thurman, MLB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Sean Glover, TB; Al Thurman, MLB; Arnold Mickens, LB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Vaughn Dunbar, RB; Eddie Thomas, WR; Rod Coleman, TE; Randy Schneider, OT; Troy Newton, OG; Shawn Harper, OT; Greg Farrall, DE; Mark Hagen, MLB; Jim Summerville, SS.

serious run at the league's elite.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: This might be the Hoosiers' biggest asset. They have a mild non-conference slate (Miami of Ohio, Kentucky and Missouri) and then play their toughest conference games (Michigan, Iowa and Ohio State) at home.

Outlook: Barring major injuries (depth is still a problem here), IU could be looking at its first nine-win season since 1967.

Bowl: yes.

5. MICHIGAN STATE

Offense: If all the talk is true, you won't recognize the Spartans' attack this year. The boring, predictable power game apparently has been scrapped in favor of a modern multiple-set scheme that features a one-back set, three and four wideouts, a shotgun formation and possibly even a no-huddle. You'll still recognize some of the names, however. Quarterback Jim Miller is back, as is 1,000 yard rusher Tico Duckett. But the success of the operation will depend on a young, injury-plagued line.

Defense: George Perles' renowned Stunt 4-3 defense was blunted by injuries last year and yielded an uncharacteristic 380 yards and 25 points per game. Seven starters will return from that unit, including outside linebackers Rob Fredrickson, Matt Christensen and Ernest Steward. Two areas of grave concern are on the line, which has to be completely rebuilt, and at middle linebacker, where Ty Hallock, a converted tight end, probably will replace All-Big Ten Chuck Bullough.

Special Teams: No problems with the place-kicking, as senior Jim DeVerne (12-for-17 in field goals) returns. The punting

MICHIGAN STATE

LOCATION: East Lansing, MI

STADIUM: Spartan Stadium (76,000)

COACH: George Perles (57-44-4 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-8

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Jeff Graham, C, 6-5, 283, Sr.; Toby Heaton, G, 6-6, 292, Sr.; All-Big Ten HM; Brett Lorus, OG, 6-5, 303, Jr.; Shane Hannah, OT, 6-6, 320, So.; Brian DeMarco, OT, 6-6, 307, So.; Mitch Lyons, TE, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Mark MacFarland, WR, 5-9, 175, Sr.; Mill Coleman, WR, 5-10, 172, So.; Tico Duckett, TB, 5-10, 185, Sr.; All-Big Ten 2nd; Brice Abrams, FB, 6-2, 247, Jr.; Jim Miller, QB, 6-4, 202, Jr.; Jim DeVerne, PK, 6-2, 184, Sr.; All-Big Ten HM

Defense—Bill Reese, DT, 6-1, 258, Sr.; Aaron Jackson, DT, 6-3, 266, So.; Juan Hammonds, DE, 6-5, 227, Jr.; Mike Edwards, DE, 6-3, 255, Sr.; Matt Christensen, OLB, 6-4, 230, So.; Rob Fredrickson, OLB, 6-4, 230, Jr.; All-Big Ten HM; Ty Hallock, MLB, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Stan Callender, CB, 6-3, 190, So.; Brian Winters, CB, 5-10, 176, Jr.; Steve Wasyluk, FS, 6-1, 199, Jr.; Myron Bell, SS, 6-1, 202, Jr.; All-Big Ten HM

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jim Miller, QB, Ty Hallock, MLB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Robert McBride, DT, Bob Denton, OL; Duane Goulbourne, TB; Hickey Thompson, RB; Demetrius Martin, WR; Bill Johnson, DE; Alan Haller, CB; Josh Bullard, P

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Courtney Hawkins, WR; Jim Johnson, OL; Chuck Bullough, MLB



Wolverines vs. Fighting Illini

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chores will go to a freshman, either Steve Barnhill or Chris Salani. Redshirt freshmen speedsters Duane Goulbourne and Hickey Thompson should enliven what was a mediocre return team.

Environment: This is not a happy camp. The team endured its worst season in nine years, and Perles was stripped of his duties as athletic director. All the inner turmoil has damaged the Spartans' ability to recruit. Another dismal season could spell the end for Perles.

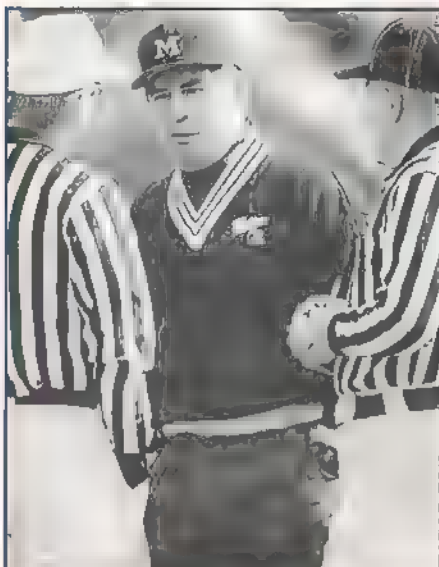
Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: It will help that three of the Spartans' toughest games will be played at home: Notre Dame, Indiana and Ohio State. They travel to Ann Arbor and play Michigan Oct. 10. They don't play Iowa.

Outlook: There are too many question marks on defense and not enough stability on the offensive line

Bowl: outside shot

6. ILLINOIS

Offense: Coach Lou Tepper has handed the offense to coordinator Tom Beck, who plans a pro-style, multiple-set attack based on possession passing and power running.



Head Coach Gary Moeller, Michigan

ILLINOIS

LOCATION: Champaign, IL

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (69,200)

COACH: Lou Tepper (0-1 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-6 (lost to UCLA in the John Hancock Bowl, 6-3)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 32

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Greg Enge, C, 6-3, 280, Jr.; Jonathan Kerr, OG, 6-3, 277, So.; Jim Pesek, OG, 6-5, 287, Sr.; Brad Hopkins, OT, 6-3, 302, Sr.; All-Big Ten HM; Randy Bierman, OT, 6-5, 292, Jr.; Ken Dilger, TE, 6-5, 243, So.; John Wright, WR, 6-0, 190, Sr.; J.J. Strong, WR, 6-1, 171, So.; Steve Feagin, TB, 5-11, 197, Jr.; Wagner Lester, FB, 6-2, 222, Jr.; Jason Verduzco, QB, 5-9, 190, Sr.; All-Big Ten HM; Chris Richardson, PK, 6-4, 249, So.

Defense—Erik Foggey, NT, 6-3, 303, Sr.; Jeff Hasenstab, DT, 6-5, 253, So.; Chad Copner, UI, 6-7, 270, So.; Todd Leach, OLB, 6-2, 241, Jr.; Chris Stehr, OLB, 6-6, 224, So.; Aaron Shelby, ILB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Dana Howard, ILB, 6-0, 235, So.; All-Big Ten 2nd; Robert Crumpton, CB, 6-1, 190, So.; Filmel Johnson, CB, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Derrick Rucker, SS, 5-11, 214, Jr.; Jeff Arneson, FS, 6-1, 210, Jr.; Forry Wells, P, 6-4, 208, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jason Verduzco, QB; Steve Feagin, TB; Dana Howard, ILB; Erik Foggey, NT

TOP NEWCOMERS: Chris Moore, RB; William Mann, LB

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tim Simpson, OG; Elbert Turner, WR; Kamano Bell, RB; Marlon Primous, FS; Mike Hopkins, SS; Mike Poloskey, OLB

But the same limitations will carry over from the John Mackovic offense—the lack of a consistent running attack plus the inability to throw deep. Defenses have been able to stack up and effectively strangle the Illini offense. Jason Verduzco, who passed for 3,014 yards last year, is back for his senior year. His inconsistency is reflected in the numbers: 15 touchdown passes, 14 interceptions.

Defense: It may take a few games, but this should grow into a stingy, very nasty corps. Sophomore Dana Howard and junior Aaron Shelby are as strong as any inside linebacker tandem in the conference. Junior Filmel Johnson and sophomore Robert Crumpton provide quality speed and athleticism at the corners. Juniors Jeff

Arneson and Derrick Rucker are battle-tested at safety. The main concerns are along the front five, which will feature four first-year players.

Special Teams: Superb with place-kicker Chris Richardson (13-for-18 in field goals as a freshman) and junior punter Forry Wells (39 yards). The return units were a problem, though. Turnovers on special teams led to losses against Michigan State and UCLA.

Environment: Upbeat and optimistic despite Mackovic's sudden departure. Tepper is well-liked in Champaign, both by the players and the community.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Illini's standing could be determined early in games at Ohio State (Oct. 10) and home against Iowa (Oct. 17). They close the year against Michigan and Michigan State.

Outlook: This could be the Big Ten's seaper team.

Bowl: outside shot.



Aaron Shelby, Illinois



Lew Montgomery, Iowa

7. WISCONSIN

Offense: Finally, Coach Barry Alvarez can field an experienced team and fill out a depth chart. The offensive line returns intact, led by 6-3, 300-pound senior guard Chuck Belin. The top three rushers, led by sophomore Terrell Fletcher, and the top two receivers, Aaron Brown and Lee DeRamus, return. Quarterback Jay Macias, who threw for 585 yards in part-time duty as a freshman last year, will run a new, more pass-oriented offense. The new attack is the design of first-year offensive coordinator Brad Childress, who helped build the strong Illinois passing attacks under Mike White in the early to mid-'80s.

Defense: Alvarez's oppressive, swarming 5-2 defense led the Big Ten against the pass and in takeaways last season. Seven starters return, including tackle Mike Thompson (freshman All-American last year), linebackers Dwight Reese and Gary Casper and strong safety Reggie Holt. This should be one of the stingiest defenses in the conference, especially if the offense can sustain some drives and keep decent field position, something it hasn't done the last two years.

Special Teams: Kicker Rich Thompson, bothered by a sore leg last year, is back and healthy. Punter Sam Veit has to better his 35.9-yard average. The coverage teams improved from the league's worst in 1990 to No. 2 behind Michigan last season. DeRamus is a dangerous return man.

Environment: Spirits are soaring after the Badgers' winningest season in seven years (5-6). The Badgers, with victories against Northwestern and Minnesota to close the 1991 season, enter the season on a winning streak for the first time since 1983. Recruiting has gone well, particularly in-state, and attendance is up by 10,000.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The opener won't be much fun (against Washington), nor will the conference open-

WISCONSIN

LOCATION: Madison, WI.

STADIUM: Camp Randall (77,745).

COACH: Barry Alvarez (6-16 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 50

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Cory Raymer, C, 6-4, 255, So.; Mike Bryan, OG, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Chuck Belin, OG, 6-3, 300 Sr.; All-Big Ten 2nd; Joe Panos, OT, 6-3, 265, Jr.; Mike Versteegen, OT, 6-6, 270, So.; Michael Roan, TG, 6-3, 235, So.; All-Big Ten HM; Aaron Brown, WR, 6-10, 170, Sr.; Lee DeRamus, WR, 6-4, 185, So.; Terrell Fletcher, TB, 5-10, 180, So.; Mark Montgomery, FB, 6-0, 205, Jr.; Jay Macias, QB, 6-2, 195, So.; Rich Thompson, PK, 6-0, 200, Sr.

Defense—Lamarck Shackelford, NG, 6-1, 265, Jr.; Carlos Fowler, DT, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Mike Thompson, DT, 6-4, 260, So.; All-Big Ten HM; Gary Casper, ILB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; All-Big Ten HM; Aaron Norvell, ILB, 6-0, 220, Sr.; Nick Rafoa, OLB, 6-4, 245, Jr.; Dwight Reese, OLB, 6-3, 220, Sr.; All-Big Ten HM; Jeff Messenger, CB, 5-10, 190, So.; Melvin Tucker, CB, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Scott Nelson, FS, 6-0, 200 Jr.; Reggie Holt, SS, 5-11, 195, Jr.; All-Big Ten HM; Sam Veit, P, 5-9, 165, So.

MAKE-IT OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Lee

DeRamus, WR; Gary Casper, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Darrell Bevell, QB; Jamie Vanderveldt, NG

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Troy Vincent, DB; Brendan Lynch, LB, Tony Lowery, QB

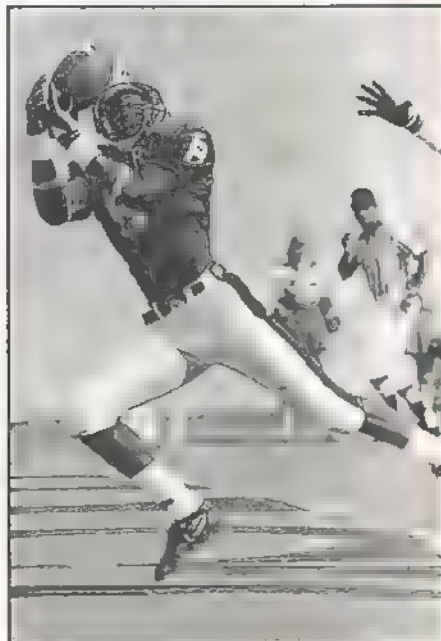
er (against Ohio State). But the Badgers don't play Michigan and close with winnable games against Illinois, Michigan State, Minnesota and Northwestern.

Outlook: Not this year, but next year the Badgers break into the upper division.

Bowl: no.

8. PURDUE

Offense: Last year Jim Colletto tried to teach an I-formation attack to players recruited to play run 'n' shoot, and the results were miserable: 26 turnovers and the second-worst passing attack in the conference. Things won't be as bad this



Thomas Lewis, Indiana

year. The running game, led by Jeff Hill (678 yards) and Big Ten Freshman of the Year Corey Rogers (502), improved from an NCAA-low 55.6 yards per game in 1990 to 177.7 yards. The success will depend on two factors: quarterback Eric Hunter (No. 1 in total offense in 1990, No. 10 last year) and the offensive line, which lost three starters.

Defense: All four starters from a secondary that picked off 20 passes last season return, led by All-Big Ten cornerback Jimmy Young (6). Also back is nose tackle Jeff Zgonina, a potential Lombardi Award or Outland Trophy candidate. Despite the talent the Boilermakers ranked near the

PURDUE

LOCATION: West Lafayette, IN
STADIUM: Ross-Ade Stadium (67,861).
COACH: Jim Coletto (21-45, 1 overall/4-7 in one year at Purdue)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Nick Mamula, C, 6-5, 282, Sr., Elvin Caldwell, OG, 6-4, 275, Jr., David Bratton, OG, 6-2, 275, Sr.; Alfie Hill, OT, 6-3, 306, RS Fr.; Kevin Janiak, OT, 6-5, 293, Sr.; Scott Green, TE, 6-3, 249, So.; Rodney Dennis, SE, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Ernest Calloway, WR, 5-8, 153, Sr.; Jeff Hill, TB, 6-0, 184, Jr., All-Big Ten HM; Arlee Connors, FB, 6-0, 209 Jr.; Eric Hunter, QB, 6-5, 205, Sr.; Vito Speciale, PK, 5-10, 166, So.
Defense—Jeff Zgonina, NG, 6-2, 284, Sr., All-Big Ten 2nd; Eric Gray, DT, 6-4, 252, So.; James Cole, DT, 6-2, 256, So.; Eric Beatty, LB, 6-0, 241, Sr.; Ryan Wilson, LB, 6-0, 236, So.; Kevin Strickland, OLB, 6-1, 216, Sr.; Don Delvy, OLB, 6-1, 237, Sr.; Jimmy Young, CB, 5-11, 188, Jr.; Tank Adams, CB, 5-9, 183, Sr.; Pat Johnson, FS, 6-1, 208, Jr., All-Big Ten HM; Chad Buckland, SS, 5-10, 187, So.; Robert Deignan, P, 6-4, 195, Fr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Eric Hunter, QB; Eric Beatty, LB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Alfie Hill, OT; Robert Deignan, P; Steve Powell, DT; Ben Metzger, NG

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Bob Dressel, C; Jim Schwantz, LB; Peyton Minter, OLB; Eric Bruun, P

bottom in total defense (340 yards) and scoring defense (24.7 points allowed).

Special Teams: Purdue will miss All-Big Ten punter Eric Bruun. Freshman Robert Deignan will get the call. Redshirt freshman Vito Speciale will do the place-kicking. Ernest Calloway will handle both the punt and kickoff returns.

Environment: Colletto took the Boilermaker program from laughable to laudable in a year, but he still has a long way to go.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Boilers have a chance to build early momentum with non-conference games at home against Cal and Toledo before going to Notre Dame, and then opening the conference season at home against Northwestern and Minnesota.

Outlook: No more than five victories.

Bowl: no

9. MINNESOTA

Offense: New coach Jim Wacker has his work cut out for him here. He'll attempt to teach a modified run 'n' shoot system (one back, four receivers) to a group that managed a league-low 104 points last year. Senior Marquel Fleetwood, a mobile quarterback who amassed more than half of the team's total offense last year, should fit the Wack Attack nicely—as should receivers Omar Douglas, Lewis Garrison and John Lewis. But you won't win in the Big Ten if you can't run, and with a questionable front line and marginal backs, this group is in trouble.

Defense: The Gophers finished last in total defense, and only Northwestern yielded more points. But there's some talent here. Cornerbacks Drinon Mays and Derek Fisher are as good as any in the league. Linebackers Andre Davis (113 tackles), Russ Heath (85) and William Collins (56) also return. The front four will have to be rebuilt, and safeties Jeff Rosga and Dan LiSanti are talented but untired.

Special Teams: The worst. The Gophers managed just two successful PATs last year. The punting average was 37.5 yards. The punt return team mustered a total of 31 yards while the punt coverage unit yielded 365. All the participants—kickers Aaron

MINNESOTA

LOCATION: Minneapolis, MN

STADIUM: Metrodome (63,699)

COACH: Jim Wacker (144-91, 3 overall/first year at Minnesota)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Clint Schmidt, C, 6-7, 284, RS Fr.; Ted Harrison, OG, 6-4, 281, Sr., All-Big Ten 2nd; Robert Rogers, OG, 6-1, 283, Sr.; Keith Ballard, OT, 6-5, 295, Sr.; Pat O'Brien, OT, 6-4, 290, So.; Steve Cambria, TE, 6-5, 215, Jr.; Omar Douglas, WR, 5-10, 175, Jr.; John Lewis, WR, 5-7, 177, Jr.; Lewis Garrison, WR, 6-0, 177, So.; Antonio Carter, RB, 6-1, 226, Jr.; Marquel Fleetwood, QB, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Mike Chalberg, PK, 6-0, 174, So.

Defense—Nick Peterson, DT, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Ed Hawthorne, DT, 6-4, 275, So.; Dennis Capella, DE, 6-3, 223, Jr.; Andy Kratochvil, DE, 6-4, 240, Jr.; William Collins, OLB, 6-1, 219, Jr.; Andre Davis, MLB, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Russ Heath, OLB, 6-2, 218, Jr.; Drinon Mays, CB, 5-10, 173, Jr.; Derek Fisher, CB, 5-10, 182, Sr.; Jeff Rosga, FS, 6-1, 195, Jr.; Dan LiSanti, SS, 6-9, 194, So.; Dean Kaufman, P, 6-4, 235, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Marquel Fleetwood, QB; Omar Douglas, WR; William Collins, LB; Jeff Rosga, FS; Dan LiSanti, SS

TOP NEWCOMERS: Ernest Rhoney, DT;

Vincent Hypolite, DB; Rob Narcisse, DB

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Sean Lumpkin, DB; Joel Staats, LB; Keswic Jo'ner, WR; Patt Evans, TE; Scott Hendrickson, OG

Piepkorn and Mike Chalberg and punter Dean Kaufman—return.

Environment: Performance, attendance, team morale, everything hit rock bottom under John Gutekunst last year. The hiring of Wacker, with his past success at TCU and S.W. Texas State, is having a rejuvenating effect.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: A hor-



Marquel Fleetwood, Minnesota



Len Williams, Northwestern

rific non-conference slate (San Jose State, Colorado and Pitt) is the last thing Wacker needs. Nor does he need trips to Ann Arbor (Oct. 24) and Columbus (Nov. 7).

Outlook: The Gophers don't play Northwestern this year, so we may never know which is the truly worst team in the conference.

Bowl: no

10. NORTHWESTERN

Offense: Greg Meyer, whom new head coach Gary Barnett hired as his offensive coordinator, has built high-powered passing attacks at Ball State and Toledo, and he'll have a veteran, strong-armed quarterback to build his one-back, three-receiver system around at Northwestern. Two-year starter Len Williams completed 62 percent of his passes last year, with 10 TDs and six interceptions. He was also the team's third leading rusher with 207 yards. Dennis Lundy, who rushed for 568 yards as a freshman last year, and senior David Cross give the team some stability at tailback and tight end. But the rest of the offense isn't as well off. The line will be brand-new, and there's not much speed at wide receiver.

Defense: Six starters return from a unit that gave up a touchdown less per game than it did the year before. Tackles Frank Boudreaux and John Hellebusch, linebackers Jason Cunningham and Steve Ostrowski and cornerbacks Willie Lindsey (All-Big Ten) and Anthony Purkett give Barnett an adequate nucleus. But the ranks are thin, and the Cats can ill afford injury at any position.

Special Teams: Steady Brian Leahy (10-



Gary Casper, Wisconsin

for 10 PATs, 4-for-7 FGs) is back. Matt Dzierwa, an untried senior, will replace Ed Sutter as the punter. The Cats return teams were among the league's worst last year.

Environment: There's still some shock over the sudden firing of Francis Peay, who kept the Cats out of the basement for the fifth time in the last six years and scored

upsets against Illinois and Michigan State. But the Cats have gone 20 years without a winning season, and AD Bruce Corrie is hoping to build a winner.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: They'll all be difficult this year.

Outlook: Winless.

Bowl: no.

ORDER OF FINISH

1. Michigan

The offense appears as strong as ever, and the defense looks vastly improved. The Wolverines are primed for a fifth straight title.

2. Iowa

A rugged non-conference schedule (N.C. State, Miami, Colorado) could stagger the Hawkeyes early.

3. Ohio State

Great offensive line, great backs, questionable quarterback, questionable offensive philosophy. Cooper says he'll throw 60 percent of the time. Why?

4. Indiana

The good: IU plays Michigan, Iowa and Ohio State at home. The bad: inexperience and lack of depth on OL and at LB.

5. Michigan State

The Spartans have enough talent to challenge front runners, but it's a safe bet they'll underachieve.

6. Illinois

First-year coach Lou Tepper is stuck with the same problems: a weak ground game and the inability to connect on deep passes.

7. Wisconsin

Getting better under Alvarez. The Badgers burst into the upper division in 1993.

8. Purdue

If Eric Hunter has a big year, if the front-line players on both sides of the ball stay healthy, if they can reduce turnovers...too many ifs.

9. Minnesota

Wacker will bring the Gophers back to respectability in time, but not yet.

10. Northwestern

With new coach Gary Barnett, the Wildcats have more enthusiasm and optimism, both of which will be dashed by Notre Dame in the season opener.

NORTHWESTERN

LOCATION: Evanston, IL

STADIUM: O'Connell Stadium (49,256)

COACH: Gary Barnett (first season).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-6.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 48

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Pat Johnson, C, 6-3, 229, So.; Pat Norton, OG, 6-3, 292, Sr.; Jeff Pietrowski, OG, 6-3, 274, Sr.; Matt O'Dwyer, OT, 6-5, 278, Jr.; Todd Pawlowski, OT, 6-4, 236, So.; David Cross, TE, 6-6, 244, Sr.; Lee Gissendanner, WR, 5-9, 173, Jr.; Michael Senters, WR, 6-0, 177, Jr.; Dennis Lundy, TB, 5-9, 190, So.; Billy Greenwald, FB, 5-11, 215, Jr.; Len Williams, QB, 5-11, 218, Sr., All-Big Ten HM, Brian Leahy, PK, 5-8, 168, Jr.
Defense—Scott Golarz, NT, 6-3, 262, Sr.; Frank Boudreaux, DT, 6-5, 268, Sr.; John Hellebusch, DT, 6-3, 279, Jr.; Steve Ostrowski, LB, 5-11, 215, Jr.; Tom Christian, ILB, 6-0, 209, Jr.; Jason Cunningham, OLB, 6-4, 211, Sr., All-Big Ten HM; Steve Shine, OLB, 6-6, 206, Sr.; Willie Lindsey, CB, 5-9, 170, Big Ten 2nd; Anthony Purkett, CB, 5-8, 159, Sr.; Corey Singleton, SS, 6-0, 206, So.; Greg Gill, FS, 5-11, 188, Sr.; Matt Dzierwa, P, 5-10, 174, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Len Williams, QB, Steve Ostrowski, ILB, Jason Cunningham, OLB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Rob Johnson, C; Todd Pawlowski, OT, Ryan Padgett, OL, Tyler Patti, RB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Ed Sutter, LB, Dwight James, DB, Thomas Horco, LB; Dan Frevelth, NG, Mark Benson, WR, Darryl Ashmore, OT; Stan Holsen, OT.

By Jon Ferguson

Turnover. That's the theme for the 24th season of Big West Conference football. Teams and coaches are coming and going. Even an entire program has fizzled.

Fresno State, the conference's premiere program in terms of across the board success and community support over the years, has bid farewell to the Western Athletic Conference. While several programs in the conference have suffered financial woes, Long Beach State was the first to fold for good at the Division I-A level.

The good news is the arrival of the University of Nevada to NCAA Division I football. Formerly one of Division I-AA's top teams, there will be but a short initiation period for the Wolfpack, which should settle in as a title contender immediately. Next year further reinforcements arrive: Arkansas State, Northern Illinois, Louisiana Tech and Southwestern Louisiana. At that time the Big West will become one of Division 1-A's largest conferences geographically, sprawling from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes.

Three of seven current programs have now coach

BIG WEST

DIVISION 1-A

West football coaches in Gene Murphy, who begins his 13th year, the Titans are set to move into a new campus stadium,

sport new uniforms and try a new run based option offense.

Success grabbed the coaches of San Jose State and Pacific. Terry Shea moved on to become Cal's head coach after two consecutive conference titles, and Walt Harris became the offensive coordinator of the New York Jets after building one of the most prolific offenses in the nation. Ron Turner, the former offensive coordinator from Stanford, takes over at San Jose State and could have the personnel to win a conference title right off.

Chuck Shelton moves from Utah State to conference sister Pacific and inherits a team that could be a contender. All Pacific needs is a little bit of improvement on the defensive side to complement its run 'n' shoot offense. The Tigers' dynamic offensive trio of quarterback Troy Kopp, tailback Ryan Benjamin and wide receiver Aaron Turner keyed an offense that averaged 511 yards and 36 points per game.

1. SAN JOSE STATE

Offense: While he started only three games a year ago, quarterback Jeff Garcia (99 of 160, 1,519 yards, 12 TD, five interceptions) quickly established himself, ranking up the third best passing efficiency rating in the nation (160.12) behind Michigan's Elvis Grbac and Brigham Young's Ty Detmer. The Spartans also return the interior of their line with center Nick Trammer and guards Mike Fortino and Alten Faletol. The Spartans must replace five receivers who caught 27 or more passes. Ron Turner's wide-open, pro-style multiple offense relies on a controlled passing game to set up the home-run pitch.

Defense: Turner said the defense must perform well early to let the offense mature. The keys are returning linemen Marty Lyon, Kevin O'Connell and Chris Carpenter, first-team All-Conference outside linebacker Ray Bowles and second-team strong safety Anthony Washington. In the middle JC All-American linebacker Jimmy Singleton and transfer Woon Park are expected to step right in.

Special Teams: Sophomore place-kicker Joe Nedney missed seven extra points and made only half his field goals outside the 20. Lee Myhre, slated to punt before an injury sidelined him last season, had a good spring. Donald Lindsey averaged 20 yards per kickoff return.

Environment: A program that has only one losing conference record in 21 years has the ability to retool quickly, and the Spartans should do just that after picking up the highly capable Turner, who specializes in coaching quarterbacks.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Spartans have a rough non-conference schedule, first facing their former coach, Terry Shea, in his debut. The

SAN JOSE STATE

LOCATION: San Jose, CA.

STADIUM: Spartan Stadium (31,218)

COACH: Ron Turner (0-0 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-4-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Jeff Garcia, QB, 6-1, 185, Jr., All-Big West 2nd, Donald Lindsey, TB, 5-11, 180, So.; John Thompson, FB, 5-10, 22, Sr.; Jerry Reese, WR, 5-11, 153, So.; Ricky Jordan, WR, 5-10, 179, Sr.; Rich Sarratle, TE, 6-3, 237, Sr.; Reuben Johnson, OT, 6-4, 250, Jr.; Mike Fortino, OG, 6-3, 265, Jr.; Nick Trammer, C, 6-2, 254, Sr., All-Big West 2nd; Alten Faletol, OG, 6-1, 264, Sr.; David Samperio, OG, 6-2, 268, Sr.; Joe Nedney, K, 6-5, 195, So., All-Big West 2nd.

Defense—Raymond Bowles, OLB, 6-2, 205, Sr., All-Big West 1st; Marty Lyon, DT, 6-1, 252, Sr.; Kevin O'Connell, NG, 6-1, 260, Sr., All-Big West HM; Chad Carpenter, DT, 6-2, 237, Sr.; Jimmy Davis, OLB, 6-3, 236, So.; Jimmy Singleton, ILB, 6-2, 225, Jr., JC A-A 1st; Woon Park, ILB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Dee Grayer, CB, 6-0, 185, So.; Elliott Franklin, CB, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Anthony Washington, SS, 5-10, 207, Sr., All-Big West 1st; Troy Jensen, FG, 5-9, 169, Jr.; Lee Myhre, P, 6-2, 190, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jeff Garcia, QB, Donald Lindsey, TB, Nick Trammer, C; Kevin O'Connell, NG; Jimmy Singleton, ILB; Anthony Washington, SS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Jimmy Singleton, ILB; Ricky Jordan, WR; Jason Lucky, WR; Reuben Johnson, LT; Woon Park, ILB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Peni Josefa, RT; Byron Jackson, WR; David Blakes, WR; Maceo Barbosa, TB; Matt Veatch, QB; Bubby Blackman, WR; Heshimu Colar, FG; Simon Vaofifi, DT.

fourth game pits Turner against his former team, Stanford, and its new coach, Bill Walsh. The Nov. 7 Nevada game at Spartan Stadium could very well

decide the Big West.

Outlook: Turner wants to make the transition a smooth one, and that should be essential to success. "I want to establish my philosophy. Yet they've been doing a lot of good things here, so I want to blend those in."

Bowl: yes

2. NEVADA

Offense: The Wolfpack will have one of the best quarterbacks in the conference, whether it's three-year starter Fred Gatlin (154 of 279 for 2,192 yards) or Chris Vargas (91 of 153 for 1,386 yards), who was impressive in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs last season. Bryan Reeves caught 62 passes, and running backs Zeke Moore and Dedric Holmes each averaged more



Troy Kopp, Pacific

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. Cal State Fullerton's program

The Titans have a new stadium, but will anyone be in it?

2. Pacific defense

With this offense an average defensive performance could bring a title.

3. Nevada quarterback Fred Gatlin

A three-year starter, his job isn't even safe as a senior.

than 90 yards rushing per game in the Wolfpack's multiple pro set offense with three wide receivers. The priority is to rebuild the line around 6'7", 270-pound I-AA All-American Shahriar Pourdanesh.

Defense: The secondary is the strength of the 4-3 defense, including returning All-Conference cornerbacks William Duckett (six interceptions) and Brock Marion (84 tackles) and free safety Xavier Kary (four interceptions).

Special Teams: Reeves provides a great kickoff (24.5 yard average) and punt (11.0) returner, but the kicking game is suspect (one field goal outside the 30 last season). Nevada missed a 27-yard field goal that would've sent them to the I-AA semifinals last season. Coach Chris Ault hopes freshman Buddy Wellman will provide some relief as a place-kicker, but the punting job is a toss-up.

Environment: The Wolfpack gives the

Big West just what it needs in the wake of Fresno's departure—a community enthusiastic about its football team. Nevada averaged 20,051 in attendance last season, up more than 4,300 from the year before. Reno likes the team, and why not when it has won 82 percent of its home games in 16 years under Ault.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The lineup gets tougher, including non-conference games at Wyoming and Tulane with Big West contender Pacific one of two teams in between. Nevada must win Nov. 7 at San Jose State if it wants a title.

Outlook: It's a step up, but considering the Wolfpack downed Nevada-Las Vegas 50-8 last season, it's not that big a step. This team has a legitimate shot at winning the Big West if it can handle tougher, deeper opponents week after week.

Bowl: no.

3. PACIFIC

Offense: QB Troy Kopp returns after ranking fifth in the nation in pass efficiency

and third in total offense. Running back Ryan Benjamin was a first-team All-American after leading the nation in all-purpose yardage (249.6 yards per game), and receiver Aaron Turner was second in the nation in receptions with 92 and first in receiving yards per game.

Defense: Defensive end Grant Carter, a second-team all-conference pick who led the defense last season with 11 sacks and 19 tackles for loss, will become more of a down pass-rushing linebacker in the Tigers' new 52 defense. While there are nine returning starters from the worst Division I A defense in the nation (40.1 points per game), six of them earned their first letter on defense last season, and three were freshmen defensive backs. Experience could help in this case.

Special Teams: Ryan Benjamin and Kale Wedemeyer offer good return men, kicker Eddie Ausheim is at best adequate without much range on field goals, and Jason Schouten averaged 38.4 yards per punt as a sophomore.

Environment: Pacific provides an exciting product, but despite winning three of five home games, it drew only 9,807 fans per game. New coach Chuck Shelton was a proven winner in the conference at Utah State and takes over a program Harris improved considerably in three years. He'll face similar problems to those at Utah State, however. Football isn't a priority at Pacific.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: How about Fresno State for openers, this year a non-conference game at home. If the Tigers are banged up, they get Big West newcomer Nevada, a title contender, one week later. There are also non-conference games at Arizona State and Washington. Good luck.

Outlook: There's no question about the offense. It's awesome. There's no certainty about the defense. It was bad last year. How much a year's experience helps this unit will determine whether Pacific is a pretender or contender.

Bowl: no.

4. NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

Offense: The Rebels have had trouble throwing the ball effectively in recent years, but hope they have the real thing in JC transfer quarterback Bob Stockham. He may finally make the offense truly multiple. He threw for nearly 2,000 yards and 19 touchdowns in six games at Santa Rosa (CA) JC, but missed the rest of the season with a shoulder injury. The Rebels have a stable of talented young running backs (sophomores Shannon McLean, Matt Wills and Jabbar Thomas), four returning starters on the line and solid receivers in Demond Thompkins and Henry Bailey.

Defense: It's what's new, not what's back, that could improve the defense. Texas JC transfers William "Tiger" Townes and Stephen Anderson will man the tackles. Inside linebacker Jason Medlock (Dallas) and safety Donnell Porter, two more JC transfers, along with redshirt end Rossie Johnson (Dallas) could displace returners. Safety Reeves Stellino was second on the team in tackles (only 72) for a defense that gave up nearly 33 points per

NEVADA

LOCATION: Reno, NV

STADIUM: Mackay Stadium (30,485).

COACH: Chris Ault (138-53-1 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 12-1 (eliminated in second round of NCAA Division I-AA playoffs by Youngstown State, 30-28)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 25

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Chris Vargas, QB, 5-11, 170, Jr.; Zeke Moore, TB, 6-2, 205, Jr.; Mike Senior, FlexB, 6-2, 200, So.; Bryan Reeves, WR, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Division I-AA A-A 2nd; Chris Singleton, WR, 6-2, 200, Jr.; Tom Matter, TE, 6-2, 220, Jr.; Shahriar Pourdanesh, OT, 6-7, 280, Sr.; I-AA A-A 1st; Todd Shara, OG, 6-4, 265, Jr.; Ryan O'Donnell, C, 6-4, 240, Jr.; Matt Airolidi, OG, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Curtis Mays, OT, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Buddy Wellman, K, 6-0, 170, Fr.

Defense—Steve Bryant, DE, 6-4, 235, Jr.; Joe Caspers, DT, 6-7, 275, Sr.; Justin Aytes, DT, 6-2, 245, Sr.; DeWayne Sparks, DE, 6-3, 245, Jr.; Andre Howard, OLB, 6-2, 215, Sr.; Frank Sullivan, ILB, 6-0, 220, Sr.; Todd Norman, ILB, 6-0, 225, Jr.; William Duckett, CB, 6-4, 190, Sr.; All-Big Sky 1st; Brock Marion, CB, 6-1, 185, Sr.; All-Big Sky 1st; Clayton Lopez, SS, 5-10, 175, So.; Xavier Kary, FS, 6-3, 190, Sr.; Steve Lester, P, 5-10, 170, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Fred Gatlin, QB; Chris Vargas, QB; Bryan Reeves, WR; Shahriar Pourdanesh, OT; Joe Caspers, DT; William Duckett, CB; Brock Marion, CB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Todd Norman, ILB; Buddy Wellman, K; Tom Tanksley, DL; Kevin Davis, OL; J.R. Fagerberg, OL; Rob Miranda, OL; Lashante Parker, RB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: George Buddy, DT; Matt Clifton, ILB; Mark Drahos, DE; Tony Edwards, OT; Reggie Robinson, SS; Joe King, WR.

PACIFIC

LOCATION: Stockton, CA

STADIUM: Amos Alonzo Stagg Memorial Stadium (30,153)

COACH: Chuck Shelton (66-98-1 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-7

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 31

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Aaron Turner, WR, 6-0, 173, Sr.; AP A-A 3rd; Brett Molen, WR, 5-5, 166, So.; Greg Bishop, OT, 6-6, 264, Sr.; All-Big West 2nd; Matt Nichols, OG, 6-2, 264, So.; Randy Pauletto, C, 6-2, 258, Sr.; David Parris, OG, 6-0, 266, Sr.; Leo Molly, OT, 6-8, 273, So.; Kale Wedemeyer, WR, 5-9, 177, Sr.; Derrick Miller, WR, 6-1, 177, Sr.; Troy Kopp, QB, 6-2, 203, Sr.; All-Big West 1st; Ryan Benjamin, RB, 5-7, 174, Sr.; AP A-A 1st; Eddie Ausherman, K, 6-1, 152, Sr.

Defense—Jami Anderson, OLB, 6-0, 198, So.; Shawn Price, DT, 6-4, 241, Sr.; All-Big West HM; David Karthaus, NT, 6-1, 224, So.; Eric Bengtson, DT, 6-3, 250, Sr.; Grant Carter, DE, 6-2, 224, Sr.; All-Big West 2nd; Jason Vasconez, ILB, 5-10, 208, So.; Daryl Rogers, ILB, 6-0, 196, Jr.; Danus Cunningham, CB, 5-10, 172, So.; Duane Thomas, CB, 6-0, 170, So.; Dimitri Gazelas, SS, 5-10, 176, Jr.; Jeff Russell, FS, 6-0, 175, So.; Jason Schouten, P, 6-3, 194, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Troy Kopp, QB; Ryan Benjamin, RB; Aaron Turner, WR; Grant Carter, DE; Shawn Price, DT.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Raymond Bragg, DB; Dan Weldon, OL; Marlon Hendrix, RB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Daryl Hobbs, WR; Ron Papazian, ILB; Chris Baus, OG; Thor Harrison, OL.

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

LOCATION: Las Vegas, NV.

STADIUM: Silver Bowl (32,000).

COACH: Jim Strong (8-14 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Bob Stockham, QB, 6-4, 220, Jr.; Matt Wills, TB, 5-11, 250, So.; Shannon McLean, FB, 6-2, 220, So.; Demond Thompson, FL, 5-11, 185, So.; Henry Bailey, ScatB, 5-9, 165, So.; All-Big West HM, Kenneth Crump, TE, 6-3, 245, Jr.; Jerry Reynolds, OT, 6-6, 297, So.; Lonnie Palelei, OG, 6-5, 300, Sr., All-Big West HM, Howard McGowan, C, 6-4, 260, So.; Doug Roper, OG, 6-2, 260, Jr.; John Hurley, OT, 6-5, 275, Sr., All-Big West HM, Nick Garritano, K, 6-0, 240, Fr.

Defense—Tom Riley, DE, 6-3, 245, Sr.; William Townes, DT, 6-5, 270, Jr.; Stephen Anderson, DT, 6-3, 255, So.; Keith Washington, DE, 6-4, 235, So.; Andy Marrone, OLB, 6-4, 210, Jr.; Michael Smalls, MLB, 6-2, 235, Sr., All-Big West HM, Rumona Hilton, OLB, 6-0, 230, Jr.; Clarence Mack, CB, 5-11, 175, So.; Tyrone Scott, CB, 6-0, 200, So.; Rodney Mazion, FS, 5-8, 163, Fr.; Reeves Stellino, SS, 6-2, 210, Sr.; Brian Parvin, P, 5-10, 165, Sr., All-Big West HM.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Bob Stockham, QB, Henry Bailey, ScatB; Shannon McLean, FB; Matt Wills, TB; Michael Smalls, MLB, Reeves Stellino, SS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: William Townes, DT, Stephen Anderson, DT, Bob Stockham, QB, Donne I Porter, FS.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Chuck Reed, DT; Hunkie Cooper, QB; Derek Black, FB; Carlton Johnson, SS.

game. The ends, cornerbacks and line-backers are all returning starters.

Special Teams: Punter Brian Parvin (41.9-yard average) is one of the best around, while kicker Nick Garritano has range, but needs to improve his accuracy.

Environment: Coach Jim Strong enters his third year having expected much more than he got in 1991. He's improving the caliber of athlete, but his team has little experience since he has recruited from the ground up without relying heavily on JC players.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Oregon and Hawaii headline the non-conference schedule with key conference games, Pacific and San Jose State, respectively, following those contests. But most of all, the Rebels would like to atone for a 50-8 loss to cross-state rival Nevada.

Outlook: The Rebels are deeper and faster than before, although Strong is still trying to get the numbers up on the team (60 scholarship players this season). If the current players stick with the program, 1993 may bring success.

Bowl: no.

5. UTAH STATE

Offense: All Big West first-team center Warren Bowers (now a tackle), honorable mention guard Greg O'Banion (now a center) and tackle Jackson Maughn return to form an experienced line. Tailback Abu Wilson, regrettably a redshirt last season, and steady wide receiver Greg Watts offer quality skill players to team with JC transfer quarterback Dean Grosfeld (average arm).

ALL-BIG WEST

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Troy Kopp, Pacific; RB Ryan Benjamin, Pacific; RB Donald Lindsey, San Jose State; WR Aaron Turner, Pacific; WR Bryan Reeves, Nevada; TE Todd Cutler, New Mexico State; OT Shahriar Pourdanesh, Nevada; OT Warren Bowers, Utah State; OG Troy Sienkiewicz, New Mexico State; OG Alten Faletoi, San Jose State; C Nick Trammer, San Jose State; K Doug Beach, Utah State; KR Fred Montgomery, New Mexico State.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Shawn Price, Pacific; DE Keith Washington, Nevada-Las Vegas; DT Grant Carter, Pacific; DT Joe Caspers, Nevada; LB Ray Bowles, San Jose State; LB Lorenzo Hailey, Cal State Fullerton; LB Jimmy Singleton, San Jose State; CB Brock Marion, Nevada; CB William Duckett, Nevada; S Anthony Washington, San Jose State; S Xavier Kairy, Nevada; P Brian Parvin, Nevada-Las Vegas.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Chris Vargas, Nevada; RB Shannon McLean, Nevada-Las Vegas; RB Zeke Moore, Nevada; WR Ezell Brown, New Mexico State; WR Ricky Jordan, San Jose State; TE Rich Sarlatte, San Jose State; OT Greg Bishop, Pacific; OT John Hurley, Nevada-Las Vegas; OG Matt Airoidi, Nevada; OG Lonnie Palelei, Nevada-Las Vegas; C Greg O'Banion, Utah State; K Joe Nedney, San Jose State; KR Henry Bailey, Nevada-Las Vegas.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Steve Bryant, Nevada; DE George Tuioti, New Mexico State; DT Joe Jacobs, Utah State; DT Sam Austrino, New Mexico State; LB Michael Smalls, Nevada-Las Vegas; LB Jermaine Younger, Utah State; LB Jimmy Davis, San Jose State; CB Dee Grayer, San Jose State; CB Clarence Mack, Nevada-Las Vegas; S Reeves Stellino, Nevada-Las Vegas; S Quinton Tezeno, New Mexico State; P Jason Schouten, Pacific.

UTAH STATE

LOCATION: Logan, UT.

STADIUM: E.L. Romney Stadium (30,257).

COACH: Charlie Weatherbie (0-0 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Dean Grosfeld, QB, 6-2, 190, Jr.; Abu Wilson, TB, 6-0, 195, Fr.; Chad Tigert, FB, 6-0, 211, Sr.; Jim Ray, WR, 6-3, 205, Jr.; Mike Lee, WR, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Brad Sorensen, TE, 6-6, 225, So.; Jackson Maughn, OT, 6-4, 284, Jr.; All-Big West HM; Brian Funk, OG, 6-4, 267, So.; Greg O'Banion, OG, 6-4, 318, Sr., All-Big West HM; Joe Moore, OG, 6-1, 296, Sr.; Warren Bowers, OT, 6-3, 268, Sr., All-Big West 1st; Doug Beach, K, 5-11, 175, Sr.

Defense—Stephen Robinson, DE, 6-4, 245, Sr.; Joe Jacobs, DT, 6-4, 265, Sr., All-Big West 2nd; Mark Johnson, DT, 6-0, 286, Sr.; Steve Neeleman, DE, 6-4, 246, Sr.; Gary Brown, OLB, 5-11, 206, So.; Wile Jackson, ILB, 5-11, 230, So.; Jermaine Younger, ILB, 6-0, 252, Jr.; Donald Toomer, CB, 6-1, 180, So.; Israel Byrd, CB, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Paul Gustafson, SS, 6-0, 181, So.; Damon Smith, FS, 5-10, 163, Jr., All-Big West HM, Nathan Morreale, P, 5-11, 170, Fr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Dean Grosfeld, QB, Warren Bowers, OT; Joe Jacobs, DT; Jermaine Younger, ILB; Damon Smith, FS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Dean Grosfeld, QB; Mike Lee, WR, Abu Wilson, TB; Aubrey Thompson, WR; Greg Thompson, TE.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Rod Moore, WR; Tracey Jenkins, WR; Ron Lopez, QB; Roger Grant, RMB; Rob VandePol, DT; Del Lyles, ILB; Ron Edwards, CB.

Junior wide receiver Jimmy Ray, the fastest player on the team, moved from running back after missing last season with an injury.

Defense: Experience on the line from ends Stephen Robinson and Steve Neeleman and tackles Joe Jacobs and Mark Johnson will lead the way. Free safety Damon Smith (four interceptions, 69 tackles) is the glue in the secondary, and inside linebacker Jermaine Younger may be ready to take over for the departed standout Del Lyles.

Special Teams: Consistent kicker Doug Beach doesn't have a strong leg, but is the best in this conference. Freshman Nathan Morreale is a strong-legged kicker of the future and should take over punting duties this season.

Environment: First-year coach Chuck Weatherbie brings an upbeat positive attitude, which was lacking last season when Chuck Shelton announced his resignation for the end of the year at midseason. The former pro backup quarterback and Arkansas offensive coordinator should team with offensive coordinator Jim Zorn (former Seattle Seahawks starting quarterback) to give Grosfeld plenty of guidance. This program needs all the positive attitude it can get since the faculty and administration give little in the way of firm commitment.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Big money guarantees, necessary to keep the program afloat, bring non-conference opponents like Arizona, Baylor, Brigham Young and rapidly improving Kansas State. On the positive side, rival Utah and conference title contenders San Jose State and

Nevada are home games

Outlook: The good news is the lines are experienced, solid building blocks for a team with a new coaching staff and without skill players returning. If JC players come through, this team could climb into the upper division.

Bowl: no.

6. NEW MEXICO STATE

Offense: Quarterback Charles Puleri started the final two games of '91 and completed 63 percent of his passes for 846 yards. JC transfer Larry Truehill and Long Beach State transfer Charles Varrie are capable runners. Wide receivers Ezel Brown (39 catches), Atlas Reagor (34) and Ray Montgomery (33) and first-team all-conference tight end Todd Cutler (44 catches) return.

Defense: Safety Quinton Tezeno, rated a national Top 25 pick out of high school when the University of Houston recruited him, made 72 tackles last season despite shoulder problems. Tackle Sam Austrino is the leading returning tackler (98) in the conference.

Special Teams: Fred Montgomery led the nation in kickoff returns (29.4-yard average) last season. Willie McKinsey will replace Big West punting leader Garrett Hensen (43.1, eighth nationally). The lack of a field goal kicker hurt last season.

Environment: Entering his third year, Hess has boosted the players on scholarship from 61 to 80 and improved team speed and depth. Other positives are the opening of the "third-largest weight room in the nation" and a complete return of the

coaching staff for the first time in 23 years.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Aggies, whose showcase game is at Arizona, will find out in October how much they've improved when they play consecutive conference games against UNLV, Pacific and Nevada. The season ends at San Jose State.

Outlook: The Aggies were 7-59 their first six seasons in the Big West. In Hess' first two seasons, they're 3-19. Hess said he'll be disappointed with anything less than a winning season. If the pieces fall together, it's possible—but not likely.

Bowl: no

7. CAL STATE FULLERTON

Offense: Running back Arthur Davis (683 yards), wide receiver Frank Davis (team-high 20 catches), tight end Robert Bedford and tackle John Cotti are key returners. Three other starters return on the line and will adjust to an option offense—either the veer or wishbone—run by one of six quarterback hopefuls.

Defense: Lorenzo Hailey, who led the 1990 Titans with 99 tackles, returns after redshirting. The four-man front is sparked by returning nose guard Jason Wells. JC transfer Tom Cale could make an impact. Dan Godfrey is a quality linebacker.

Special Teams: Arthur and Frank Davis each averaged 20 yards per kickoff return. After a sub-par season Phil Nevin decided to concentrate on baseball. Julio Ocana will try to handle place-kicking and punting.

Environment: The Titans have a new offense, new uniforms (Auburn blue top and new helmet decals) and the long-awaited opening of a new 10,000-seat campus stadium. This program was almost disbanded two years ago, and whether or not the Titans can draw more than 3,000 fans at home with their new stadium might help determine its future.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The season opener against Cal State Northridge is the first game ever in Titan

CAL STATE FULLERTON

LOCATION: Fullerton, CA.

STADIUM: Titan Stadium (10,000).

COACH: Gene Murphy (74-85-1 overall/59-78-1 at Cal State Fullerton).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Mark Wilson, QB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Arthur Davis, RB, 5-10, 180, Sr., All-Big West HM; Danny Pasquill, FB, 5-9, 180, Jr.; Frank Davis, WR, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Pat Lynch, WR, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Robert Bedford, TE, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Terrance LaCount, OT, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Rhabinder Khurana, OG, 6-2, 290, Jr.; David Porter, C, 6-3, 260, Sr.; Wally Bonnett, OG, 6-4, 275, Jr.; John Cotti, OT, 6-5, 285, Jr., All-Big West HM; Julio Ocana, K, 6-0, 180, Jr.

Defense—Tom Cale, DE, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Jason Wells, NG, 6-0, 280, Sr., All-Big West HM; Bill Jones, DT, 6-5, 245, Sr.; Kearry Johns, OLB, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Dan Godfrey, OLB, 5-10, 195, So., Mike Gulio, ILB, 6-1, 215, Fr.; Lorenzo Hailey, ILB, 5-11, 253, Sr., '90 All-Big West HM; B.B. Hudson, CB, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Darius Watson, CB, 6-0, 170, Jr., All-Big West HM; Michael McGuire, FS, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Dan Seymour, SS, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Julio Ocana, P, 6-0, 180, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Lorenzo Hailey, ILB, Frank Davis, WR; Arthur Davis, TB, John Cotti, OT, Jason Wells, NG, Dan Godfrey, OLB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Mark Wilson, QB; Rhabinder Khurana, OG, Julio Ocana, K; Tom Cale, DE.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Reggie Yarbrough, TB, Phil Nevin, K-P; Chad Lindsay, ILB; Michael Jones, RB; Chad May, QB.

Stadium. The second home game is against Sacramento State. Those may be the only two wins on the schedule. There are road games at UCLA and Georgia. Powerhouse newcomer Nevada serves as the conference opener at home.

Outlook: It remains grim this season, but if Murphy gets a few years to rebuild this program, the Titans will be back down the line.

Bowl: no.

NEW MEXICO STATE

LOCATION: Las Cruces, NM.

STADIUM: Aggie Memorial (30,300)

COACH: Jim Hess (115-72-5 overall/3-19 at New Mexico State)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Charles Puleri, QB, 6-2, 205, Sr., Larry Truehill, FB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Charles Varrie, TB, 5-9, 175, Sr.; Fred Montgomery, FL, 6-0, 189, Sr., All-Big West 1st; Ezel Brown, WR, 5-8, 181, Sr., All-Big West HM; Atlas Reagor, FL, 6-0, 169, Sr., All-Big West HM; Todd Cutler, TE, 6-4, 236, Sr., All-Big West 1st; Shawn Bowman, OT, 6-3, 269, Sr.; Troy Sienkiewicz, OG, 6-4, 277, Sr., All-Big West 2nd; Gerald Slovacek, C, 6-2, 259, So.; Eric Schmierer, OG, 6-4, 258, Sr.; Ishan Rison, OT, 6-1, 250, Jr.; Jose Ortiz, K, 5-7, 204, Sr.

Defense—George Tuioti, DE, 6-5, 260, Sr., All-Big West HM; Sam Austrino, DT, 6-1, 280, Sr., All-Big West HM; Michael Banks, DT, 6-3, 250, Sr.; Norman Steele, DE, 6-6, 245, Sr.; Tim Mauck, OLB, 6-1, 201, Jr.; Mike Wail, MLB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Bryan DuPlessis, OLB, 6-3, 210, So.; David Barela, CB, 5-11, 186, Jr.; Herbert Frazier, CB, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Marc Shaw, SS, 6-0, 178, Sr.; Quinton Tezeno, FS, 6-11, 200, Sr.; Willie McKinsey, P, 6-1, 182, Fr.

MAKE IT OR BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Charles Varrie, TB; Fred Montgomery, WR; Todd Cutler, TE; Sam Austrino, DT; Quinton Tezeno, FS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Charles Varrie, TB, Lawrence Truehill, FB, Bryan DuPlessis, OLB, Michael Wail, MLB, Herbert Frazier, CB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: David Chisum, QB; Jimmie Mitchell, FB, Steve Campbell, MLB.

ORDER OF FINISH

1. San Jose State

Ron Turner will accomplish what his predecessor Terry Shea did in his inaugural season—win the title.

2. Nevada

The Wolfpack is the best bet to upset the defending co-champs, but the odds are against a title the first year.

3. Pacific

If the young defense makes big strides, the Tigers are a contender.

4. Nevada-Las Vegas

Even if a half-dozen JC transfers come through, this young team is probably a year away.

5. Utah State

The Aggies return strength to the trenches, but the new staff has some rebuilding to accomplish.

6. New Mexico State

Coach Jim Hess' seemingly impossible task is moving forward, but the process will try his patience.

7. Cal State Fullerton

New stadium, new uniforms, new offense; same old place in the standings.

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Muncie (IN) Evening
Press

MID-AMERICAN

On the field the championship race should be contested by several teams. No team has won

The Mid-American Conference will feature several noteworthy changes during the 1992 college football season. The biggest change came about late last spring when it was announced the MAC champion and the winner of the Big West will meet in the newly created Las Vegas Bowl. Champions from the MAC and Big West played each other in the California Raisin Bowl for the last 11 years.

The other noteworthy news from the MAC this season is the growth of the conference to 10 members with the addition of former independent Akron. Because of existing non-conference game contracts not all MAC schools could get Akron on their 1992 schedules. The conference champion will be the team with the best winning percentage.

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back-to-back titles in the MAC since Central Michigan in 1979 and '80.

Bowling Green, however, has a good chance to repeat as champion in 1992. Heading Bowling Green's list of returnees is the passing combination of quarterback Erik White and wide receiver Mark Szlachcic. White was named the MAC Offensive Player of the Year in 1991 after leading the Falcons to the championship.

Two other players to keep an eye on this fall are linebackers Curt McMillan of Miami and Mark Parris of Ball State. McMillan anchored Miami's conference-leading defense in 1991 and was picked the league's Defensive Player of the Year. Parris also was among the nation's leaders in tackles, ranking sixth with 167 stops.

1. BOWLING GREEN

Offense: Pro-I. The Falcons return most of the offensive firepower that helped them lead the league in 1991 with an average of 339.8 yards and 22.8 points per game. Senior quarterback Erik White was the MAC's Player of the Year last season, and senior flanker Mark Szlachcic, the MVP in the California Raisin Bowl, was the conference's top pass-catcher. They have depth at tailback with LeRoy Smith, Zeb Jackson, George Johnson and Eric McGhee, all good runners.

BOWLING GREEN

LOCATION: Bowling Green, OH.
STADIUM: Doyt L. Perry Stadium (30,599).
COACH: Gary Blackney (11-1 overall/11-1 at Bowling Green).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 11-1 (beat Fresno State in California Raisin Bowl, 28-21).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 24.
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Brian Narkter, T, 6-4, 225, Sr. Norman Hammoud, T, 6-3, 295, So.; Joe Wyse, T, 6-5, 285, Jr.; Bob Johnson, C, 6-4, 260, So.; Steve Bosko, G, 6-0, 270, Sr.; Jason Peters, G, 6-5, 270, So.; Ronnie Redd, SE, 5-9, 180, So.; Mark Szlachcic, FL, 6-4, 205, Sr., 1st All-MAC; Erik White, QB, 6-5, 210, Sr. MAC Player of the Year; Dwayne Alexander, FB, 6-3, 205, Fr.; LeRoy Smith, TB, 5-11, 190, Sr.
Defense—Bob Dudley, T, 6-5, 275, Jr.; Clint Frazier, NG, 6-3, 240, Jr.; Curtis Collins, E, 6-5, 235, So.; Artie Mangham, ILB, 6-1, 230, Sr.; Vince Palko, ILB, 6-1, 215, So.; Kevin O'Brien, OLB, 6-4, 235, Sr.; Akil Hutchinson, OLB, 6-3, 190, Fr.; Carlos Brooks, CB, 6-0, 200, Sr.; Ken Burress, CB, 5-11, 175, Sr.; Dave Bielecki, FS, 6-3, 215, Sr.; Joe Blair, SS, 5-10, 180, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Erik White, QB, Mark Szlachcic, WR; LeRoy Smith, TB, Carlos Brooks, CB, Ken Burress, CB, Kevin O'Brien, LB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Keith Hindsley, OL; Vito Cinquemani, OL; Derek Kidwell, QB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Brian Sherman, C; Matt Kregel, T; Brett Landman, TE; Nick Sims, G; D.J. Ogilvie, OLB; Steve Wilbourne, DE; Mark Ross, NG; Paul Harris, DT; Mike Calcagno, ILB; Terry Wilson, FS; Scott Lindsey, FB.

Defense: 3-4. The secondary will be the strength of the defense with starters Carlos Brooks and Ken Burress at cornerback and Dave Bielecki at safety. Vince Palko, Artie Mangham and Kevin O'Brien form a good trio at four of the linebacking spots.

Special Teams: Rob Donahue (36.4 average) returns as the punter. Place-kicker Brian Leaver is new. The Falcons were second in the MAC last year in team punt return average.

Environment: Gary Blackney turned Bowling Green around in his first season last year. He did a remarkable job of taking a program that posted five straight losing seasons and guiding it to an 11-1 record.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Falcons open the season at home against Western Michigan in a battle of MAC title contenders. They face a tough stretch with Ohio State, Wisconsin and East Carolina on successive Saturdays in September.

Outlook: No team has won back-to-back MAC football titles in 12 years, but Bowling Green will make a strong run this season

Bowl: yes.

2. BALL STATE

Offense: I-formation. Featured running back Corey Croom ran for 1,053 yards last season, becoming only the fifth back in Ball State history to top 1,000 yards in a season. Quarterback Mike Neu led MAC in completion percentage, hitting 62.7 percent of his passes. Receiver Mike LeSure tied for second in the league with 49 catches.

Defense: Multiple. Linebacker Mark Parris, a top contender for Defensive Player of the Year honors, was second in the league in tackles with 167. Talent abounds with the likes of OLB Henry Hall, ILB Don Stonefield and CBs Blaine Bishop and Copatic Darts.

Special Teams: The biggest task is to find a replacement for four-year place-kicking standout Kenny Stucker. Punter Damon Keller led the MAC in 1991 with a 40.4 average.

Environment: The Cardinals have been

BALL STATE

LOCATION: Muncie, IN.
STADIUM: Bal. State Stadium (16,319).
COACH: Paul Schudel (42-34-2 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5.
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 31.
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Jose Munoz, T, 6-4, 260, Jr.; Tim Christian, T, 6-4, 278, Sr.; Steve Craig, C, 6-2, 260, So.; Lance Wildoner, G, 6-4, 290, Jr.; Andy Berry, G, 6-5, 286, So.; Stu Alison, TE, 6-4, 210, Sr.; Mike Neu, QB, 6-4, 210, Jr.; Corey Croom, TB, 6-0, 211, Sr.; Sonny Labhart, FB, 6-1, 212, So.; Mike LeSure, SE, 6-1, 188, Sr.; Brian Oliver, FL, 6-3, 192, So.
Defense—Henry Hall, OLB, 6-1, 230, Sr. 1st All-MAC in 1991; Tony Van Noy, OLB, 6-2, 205, Jr.; Carl Kendrick, T, 6-2, 254, S. HM All-MAC in 1991; Steve Martin, T, 6-1, 255, Sr.; Bryant Branigan, NG, 6-2, 248, Sr.; Mark Parris, ILB, 6-1, 241, Sr., 1st All-MAC in 1991; Don Stonefield, ILB, 6-0, 234, Sr.; Blaine Bishop, CB, 5-9, 198, Sr.; Copatic Darts, CB, 5-9, 174, Jr., 2nd All-MAC in 1991; Troy Hoffer, SS, 6-1, 196, Sr.; Malawi Hills, FS, 5-11, 187, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jose Munoz, OT; Mike Neu, QB; Tim Christian, C; Henry Hall, DE.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Juan Gorman, WR, Keyon Vinegar, OL; Wilson Ketcham, OL; Bill McAuley, OL; Tony Roush, OL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tim Warady, G; Ismael Peralta, C; Mic Roessler, OT; Scott Jones, TE; Travis Moore, WR; Denny Thompson, DT; Robert Glover, FS; Ken Stucker, PK.

one of the best teams in the MAC in the last four seasons. They have a league-best 26 conference wins in that span.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Cardinals face one of their stiffest tests ever with a season-opener at Clemson Sept. 5, then travel to Big Eight up-and-comer Kansas the next week. The first home game Sept. 26 against Miami should be mighty important.

Outlook: The Cardinals are looking to rebound after tying for fifth place last season after being picked as a solid title contender. Their offense needs to support a defense that has been a model of outstanding play in recent years

Bowl: no.

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. Gary Blackney, Bowling Green coach

The second-year Bowling Green coach led the Falcons to an 11-1 record last year, but repeating in the MAC is tough.

2. Gerry Faust, Akron coach

The Akron coach takes his Zips into the Mid-American Conference battles for the first time.

3. Pete Cordelli, Kent coach

The Kent coach promises better times ahead, but he won only one game last year and could well be blanked this season.

3. MIAMI

Offense: Multiple. The Redskins had the MAC's No. 2 rushing attack last year, and it's strong again this year with Kevin Ellerbe, Terry Carter and Lakumba Wallace bidding for time. Jeremy Patterson, who moves from tight end to split end, had six TDs among his 23 catches last year.

Defense: 4-3. MLB Curt McMillan, a solid MAC Defensive Player of the Year candidate, led the nation last season with 204 tackles (18.5 per game). Free safety Ron Carpenter intercepted seven passes last year and has 14 for his career. Cornerback Shean Williams picked off four passes in 1991. Mark Staten anchors the line.

Special Teams: The Redskins expected big things from sophomore punter Gary Layton, who played last season as a walk-on. Also returning is place-kicker Bryan Lucas.

Environment: Head Coach Randy Walker has done a nice job of getting the

program turned around in just two years. He's an inspirational leader, and his teams reflect his personality.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Redskins come out of the blocks with road games at West Virginia and Indiana. Then comes nearby Cincinnati in their home opener. Tough MAC road games loom at Ball State (Sept. 26) and Bowling Green (Oct. 31).

Outlook: With a good defense the Redskins are likely to go as far as their offense will take them. Quarterback Jim Clement's play will be a telling sign concerning their rate of success.

Bowl: no.

4. WESTERN MICHIGAN

Offense: Multiple. Tackle Paul Hutchins is a good pro prospect. Quarterback Brad Tayles has started all 33 games in his college career and is Western's career leader in total offense, completions and touchdown passes. John Morton led the Broncos in receiving last year.

Defense: 4-3. Six players in the secondary have starting experience, including

SS Steve Hawkins, who was second on the team last year with 96 tackles. Dave Cutlip is a three-year starter at end.

Special Teams: Jay Barresi has been the place-kicker for three years, but faces a challenge from Kevin Knope. Curt Chrencik and Tom Dunn battle for the punting job. Uinc King is No. 3 in Western career kickoff returns.

Environment: The Broncos have finished in the top half of the MAC four of the last five years, but they'd like to reverse too many close-but-no-cigar finishes since winning the crown in 1988.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Broncos find out early how tough they are by traveling to 1991 champ and 1992 contender Bowling Green Sept. 5. If Western is a contender, they should gain steam for the late season against Eastern Michigan Oct. 17 and Kent Oct. 24.

Outlook: Offense could get a big boost from one-time walk-on Andre Wallace, who rushed for 528 yards in a backup role last year as a freshman. Tayles must finally put together a solid season from start to finish if Broncos are to be a factor.

Bowl: no.

5. TOLEDO

Offense: Multiple. Pass-run threat Kevin Meger is back for his third year as starting quarterback and has one of the league's top receivers in Marcus Goodwin. Guard Andy McCollum is one of the MAC's best linemen.

Defense: Stunt 4-3. Right end Dan Williams excels in tackling running backs behind the line of scrimmage. Middle line-backer Darrell Mossburg was eighth in the

MIAMI

LOCATION: Oxford, OH

STADIUM: Fred C. Yager Stadium (25,183).

COACH: Randy Walker (11-9-2 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-4-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 37.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Jeremy Patterson, SE, 6-3, 204, So.; Mike Kreeger, T, 6-7, 269, Sr.; Jim Bycznski, T, 6-10, 265, Sr.; Chris Brenner, G, 6-3, 260, Jr.; Jeff Chabot, G, 6-3, 278, So.; Nick Frantz, C, 6-0, 252, Jr.; James Patton, TE, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Gordon Benning, FL, 5-10, 181, Jr.; Jim Clement, QB, 6-1, 199, Jr.; Lock Beachum, FB, 5-9, 189, Jr.; Lakumba Wallace, TB, 5-7, 173, Sr.
Defense—Bill Atha, E, 6-3, 245, So.; Thad Fidler, E, 6-1, 231, Sr.; Kevin Parthe, 6-0, 275, Sr.; Mark Staten, T, 6-6, 280, Sr.; Jason Phillips, LB, 6-1, 212, So.; Curt McMillan, LB, 6-0, 214, Sr.; 1st All-MAC in 1991; Robert Blanton, LB, 5-11, 196, Jr.; Shean Williams, CB, 5-8, 150, Sr.; HM All-MAC in 1991; David Thomas, CB, 6-1, 178, So.; David Wilson, SS, 6-0, 185, So.; Ron Carpenter, FS, 6-1, 185, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jim Clement, QB; Kevin Ellerbe, TB; Jeff Chabot, C; Bill Atha, LT; Lakumba Wallace, TB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Falando Ashcraft, RB; Terry Cole, LB; Matt Cravens, OL; Brian Jones, OL; Shane Reid, OL

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Milt Stegall, SE; John Healy, OT; Jon Wauford, DE; Scott Frazier, DT; Andy Howard, DE; Barry Renfro, LB; Cajardo Lindsey, SS; John Cannon, OG

WESTERN MICHIGAN

LOCATION: Kalamazoo, MI

STADIUM: Waldo Stadium (30,000)

COACH: Al Molde (138-81-6 overall/31-24 at Western Michigan)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Michael Coleman, TE, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Paul Hutchins, T, 6-6, 330, Sr.; 1st All-MAC in 1991; Scott Fleming, T, 6-5, 279, Sr.; Dave VanDale, G, 6-4, 265, Sr.; 2nd All-MAC in 1991; Al Rivet, G, 6-6, 259, Sr.; Tom Nuttan, C, 6-5, 278, So.; John Morton, FL, 6-3, 178, Sr.; Ulric King, SE, 5-10, 169, Sr.; Brad Tayles, QB, 6-3, 200, Sr.; Tracy Archer, SB, 6-3, 197, So.; Andre Wallace, RB, 5-9, 172, So.
Defense—Dave Cutlip, E, 6-3, 234, Sr.; Brian Wallace, E, 6-6, 218, So.; Larry Featherstone, T, 6-4, 263, Jr.; Viad Kontic, T, 6-3, 246, Sr.; Jeff Allor, LB, 6-1, 240, Sr.; Rufus Harris, LB, 6-2, 206, So.; Carl Lopez, LB, 6-0, 217, Sr.; Pierre Hixon, CB, 6-0, 178, Jr.; Mark Ricks, CB, 5-9, 156, Sr.; Paul Davis, FS, 5-10, 188, Sr.; Steve Hawkins, SS, 6-5, 198, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Brad Tayles, QB; Paul Hutchins, OT; John Morton, FL; Dave Cutlip, DE; Carl Lopez, LB; Paul Davis, FS

TOP NEWCOMERS: Rich Kaiser, DE; Kevin Knope, PK

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Corey Sylve, RB; Paul Johnson, DT; Greg Kelley, LB

TOLEDO

LOCATION: Toledo, OH

STADIUM: Glass Bowl (26,248)

COACH: Gary Pinkel (5-5-1 overall/5-5-1 at Toledo)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-5-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 33.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Ryan Barry, TE, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Chadd Dehn, T, 6-2, 288, So.; Ken Yohn, T, 6-4, 253, Jr.; Andy McCollum, G, 6-5, 284, Sr.; 1st All-MAC last year; Charlie Webb, G, 6-2, 279, Jr.; Keith Brewster, C, 6-4, 254, Sr.; Marcus Goodwin, FL, 5-8, 153, Sr.; 1st All-MAC last year; Tom Boyd, SE, 6-1, 195, Jr.; Kevin Meger, QB, 6-1, 190, Sr.; 2nd team All-MAC last year; Steve Cowan, TB, 6-11, 190, Sr.; Craig Donaldson, FB, 6-2, 220, So.
Defense—Dan Williams, E, 6-4, 275, Sr.; 1st All-MAC last year; Maurice Bulls, E, 6-3, 257, Jr.; Chris Boykin, T, 6-0, 262, Sr.; Terry Jackson, T, 6-2, 280, Jr.; Darrell Mossburg, MLB, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Mark Brewster, OLB, 6-1, 222, Sr.; John Formentin, OLB, 6-4, 220, Jr.; Chad Brown, CB, 5-9, 172, Jr.; Jason Keiley, CB, 5-9, 187, Sr.; Al Baker, FS, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Tim Caffey, SS, 6-0, 182, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Kevin Meger, QB; Andy McCollum, G; Marcus Goodwin, FL; Dan Williams, DE; Darrell Mossburg, LB; Tim Caffey, SS

TOP NEWCOMERS: Nate Bryant, DB; Marcus Griffin, WR; Thomas Jackson, LB; Joe Palian, LB

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Vince Marrow, TE; Al Thigpen, C; Joe DiLauro, OT; Joe Lawjeski, SE; Brian Raub, OG; David Andrews, FB; Matt Eberlius, OLB; Mark Rhea, DE; Darren Anderson, CB; Tony Borgerding, LB

league in '91 with 136 tackles

Special Teams: Place-kicker Rusty Hanna and punter Brian Borders give the Rockets one of the best tandems in the MAC. Goodwin is a dangerous return man.

Environment: Stability should help the Rockets this season. Gary Pinkel is in his second season as head coach, marking the first time that's happened at Toledo since 1989.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Toledo takes a trip to Big Ten school Purdue on Sept. 26. Then comes a stretch of four straight games against MAC toughies Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Bowling Green and Miami.

Outlook: The Rockets must cut down on the number of long gainers they allowed last season. On offense they've made a nice transition to Head Coach Gary Pinkel's spread offense system, which translates to more passing this season.

Bowl: no.

6. CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Offense: I-formation. Joe Youngblood should take over at quarterback in place of the graduated former MAC Player of the Year Jeff Bender. Also gone is the MAC's leading rusher in 1991, Billy Smith, who'll be replaced by Leo Griffin or Eric Myles. Experience is thin at receiver, but the Chippewas are solid on the offensive line.

Defense: 5-2. The strength of the defense is in the line with tackle Mike Nettie and nose guard Jason Wilkie. Also back are secondary starters Oscar Ford, Darrall Stinson and Richard Baker.

Special Teams: Place-kicker Chuck Selinger and punter Dennis Nicholl will challenge for All-MAC honors. Selinger made 15 of 24 field goals and all 22 extra points, while Nicholl had 17 of his 66 punts downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

LOCATION: Mount Pleasant, MI

STADIUM: Kelly/Shorts Stadium (20,086).

COACH: Herb Darome (100-43-10 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-1-4.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Joe Youngblood, QB, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Leo Griffin, TB, 5-9, 170, Jr.; Tim Wojcik, FB, 6-1, 215, Sr.; Jeremy Dunlap, TE, 6-2, 230, So.; Bryan Tice, SE, 6-1, 190, Sr.; D.J. Reid, FL, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Greg Sherwin, T, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Darrell McCaul, T, 6-5, 295, Sr.; Marty Malcolm, G, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Joe VanderMeulen, G, 6-2, 280, Sr.; Art Droski, C, 6-4, 290, Sr., HM All-MAC in 1991.

Defense—Mike Kyler, OLB, 6-2, 230, Jr.; Chris Castle, OLB, 6-3, 220, Jr.; Gary Rakan, LB, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Bryant Satterlee, ILB, 6-2, 230, Jr.; Mike Nettie, T, 6-3, 275, Sr., 1st All-MAC in 1991; Lamar Sally, T, 6-5, 270, Sr.; Jason Wilkie, MG, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Oscar Ford, CB, 6-0, 175, Sr.; Ralph Wallace, CB, 5-8, 165, Jr.; Darrall Stinson, SS, 6-3, 205, Jr.; Richard Barker, FS, 6-1, 200, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Joe Youngblood, QB, Leo Griffin, TB, Art Droski, C; Gary Rakan, LB, Bryant Satterlee, LB, Brandon Bruce, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Terrance McMillan, WR; William LaPointe, DL; Chad Koetje, TE.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jeff Bender, QB, Billy Smith, TB, Ken Eaty, FL; James Wyatt, T, Darian McKinney, TE; Kevin Rich, OLB; Todd Reynolds, ILB; Clarence Rose, ILB.

ALL-MID-AMERICAN

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Erik White, Bowling Green; RB Corey Croom, Ball State; RB Tim Curtis, Ohio; WR Mark Szychalcic, Bowling Green; WR Marcus Goodwin, Toledo; TE James Patton, Miami; T Paul Hutchins, Western Michigan; T Greg Sherwin, Central Michigan; G Bobby Pandelidis, Eastern Michigan; G Andy McCollum, Toledo; C Art Droski, Central Michigan; K Daron Alcorn, Akron; KR Craig Thompson, Eastern Michigan.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: E Henry Hall, Ball State; E Dan Williams, Toledo; T Mike Nettie, Central Michigan; T Carl Kendrick, Ball State; LB Curt McMillan, Miami; LB Mark Parris, Ball State; LB Sean Patterson, Kent; CB Richard Palmer, Eastern Michigan; CB Blaine Bishop, Ball State; S Ron Carpenter, Miami; S Dave Bielinski, Bowling Green; P Daron Alcorn, Akron.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Kevin Meger, Toledo; RB LeRoy Smith, Bowling Green; RB Lakumba Wallace, Miami; WR Mike LeSure, Ball State; WR John Morton, Western Michigan; TE Stu Allison, Ball State; T Ryan Creed, Kent; T Joe Wyse, Bowling Green; G Dave VanDale, Western Michigan; G Steve Bosko, Bowling Green; C John Lorentz, Kent; K Chuck Selinger, Central Michigan; KR Wayne Clements, Ohio.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE: E Jason Carthen, Ohio; E Walter Campbell, Eastern Michigan; T Mark Staten, Miami; T Jason Wilkie, Central Michigan; LB Morrey Norris, Kent; LB Phil Dunn, Akron; LB Darrell Mossburg, Toledo; CB Carlos Brooks, Bowling Green; CB Shean Williams, Miami; S Darrall Stinson, Central Michigan; S Chris Owens, Akron; P Damon Keller, Ball State.

Environment: The Chippewas have one of the most consistent programs in the nation, going 26 consecutive seasons with out a losing record. They had a wacky year in 1991 by tying the NCAA record for ties in a season with four.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Chippewas get tossed into the fire early with games at Kentucky and at Michigan State to start the season. They get in-state and MAC rival Eastern Michigan at home, but end the year at Western Michigan.

Outlook: The Chippewas are replacing quality people at several key positions on offense and at linebacker. A strong line on both sides of the play is the cornerstone to whatever success they have in 1992.

Bowl: no.

7. EASTERN MICHIGAN

Offense: I-formation. The Eagles are pinning their hopes on a sophomore quarterback (Kwame McKinnon) who has inexperienced receivers and a running game whose top rusher in 1991 (Cameron Moss) gained 452 yards. The bright spots are in the offensive line with All-MAC first-team pick Bobby Pandelidis and Kevin Beverly.

Defense: 4-3. This group is anchored by 1991 All-MAC pick Richard Palmer (seven interceptions in 1991) at cornerback and second-team tackle Walter Campbell. Tackle Mickey McBride led the MAC last season in tackles for loss (21 for 79 yards).

Special Teams: Ronald Rice led the MAC last season in kickoff returns with a 29.0 average. Questions abound in punting, and place-kicker Jim Langeloh is trying to come back from an injury.

Environment: The Eagles have sagged to a combined 5-16-1 record the last two years, but are excited this season about a \$13 million renovation project on

EASTERN MICHIGAN

LOCATION: Ypsilanti, MI

STADIUM: Rynearson Stadium (30,000).

COACH: Jim Harkema (109-82-6 overall 1/41-53-5 at Eastern).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-7-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 44

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Jerry Meltzer, TE, 6-5, 243, Sr.; James Fletcher, T, 6-2, 319, Sr.; Mike Boyle, T, 6-4, 259, Jr.; Bobby Pandelidis, G, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Tony Johnson, G, 6-3, 286, Jr.; Kevin Beverly, C, 6-2, 253, So.; Rodney Screen, SE, 6-0, 197, Sr.; Bryan Wauldron, FL, 6-2, 185, So.; Kwame McKinnon, QB, 6-3, 183, So.; Eddie Nwagbaraocha, FB, 6-3, 247, Jr.; Cameron Moss, TB, 6-1, 177, Jr.

Defense—Dennis Parker, E, 6-3, 256, So.; Walter Campbell, E, 6-3, 262, Jr.; Sean Shoda, T, 6-1, 272, Sr.; Mickey McBride, T, 6-4, 257, Sr.; Jerry Carlock, LB, 6-1, 205, Sr.; Mike Danley, LB, 6-3, 217, Sr.; Scott Emans, LB, 6-2, 225, Jr.; Cazzie Nelson, CB, 6-2, 200, Sr.; Richard Palmer, CB, 6-0, 185, Jr.; Kevin Tooson, SS, 6-2, 209, Jr.; Ronald Rice, FS, 6-2, 190, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Kwame McKinnon, QB; Cameron Moss, RB; Bobby Pandelidis, G; Kevin Beverly, C; Mickey McBride, DT; Walter Campbell, DE; Richard Palmer, CB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Andre Green, WR, Phil Essner, P, Mike Parkes, LB; Reggie Vick, QB; Barry Stokes, TE; Leon Jefferson, DT; Steve Clay, WR.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jon Pfeifer, WR, Joe Palandri, C; Jason Wolf, TE; Jeff Squibbs, OT; Charles Payne, DE; Werner Blakely, LB; Dave Marshall, LB; Monty Kirkland, P.

Rynearson Stadium.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Eagles rededicate their stadium in the first game of the season against MAC newcomer Akron. Non-league highlights are trips to University Park, Pennsylvania, to take on

Penn State and to West Point, New York, to play Army

Outlook: The Eagles are hopeful they'll be able to improve on last year's 3-7-1 record, but major improvement has to come from the offense (last in the league in 1991 in total offense and scoring) in order for that to happen.

Bowl: no.

8. OHIO

Offense: I-formation. Tim Curtis emerged in 1991 as an outstanding MAC tailback (1,085 yards) who was tough to bring down. The Bobcats also return their entire offensive line and quarterback Tom Dubs, but plenty of competition exists at the latter.

Defense: Multiple. Inside linebacker Scott Zele is exceptionally active and had 130 tackles last season. The outside linebacker recorded eight sacks and 18 tackles for a loss. The Bobcats return seven of their top eight tacklers last season.

Special Teams: Honorable mention All-MAC pick David Hoyng, who averaged 40.4 yards per kick last year, returns, as does place-kicker Jeff Marchant, who was good on eight of 12 field goals.

Environment: The Bobcats lost nine of 55 games before Tom Lichtenberg took over two years ago. They've won just three games since, but they showed signs last year of becoming respectable.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Bobcats get few breaks at home with three of their four MAC games against title contenders Western Michigan, Miami and Ball State. They open the season with three games on the road, including the season opener at Iowa State.

Outlook: The Bobcats have 16 starters returning and should be better on both sides of the ball, but it'll still be tough to rise much higher than seventh.

Bowl: no

OHIO

LOCATION: Athens, OH.

STADIUM: Peden Stadium (20,000).

COACH: Tom Lichtenberg (20-32-3 overall/3-17-2 at Ohio)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-8-1

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Doug Davidson, TE, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Jack Goldsherry, G, 6-2, 270, Sr.; Chris Park, G, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Darren Reese, T, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Andy Canter, T, 6-5, 280, Jr.; Tom Dubs, QB, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Courtney Burton, WR, 5-7, 150, Jr.; Brent Patton, WR, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Tim Curtis, TB, 5-8, 207, Sr., 1st All-MAC in 1991; Brian George, FB, 6-2, 235, Jr.

Defense—Anthony Greene, T, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Troy Brandt, T, 6-3, 240, So.; Ed Slay, NG, 6-1, 240, Jr.; Jason Carthen, OLB, 6-3, 200, Sr.; Dwayne Cox, OLB, 6-0, 195, Sr.; Scott Zele, ILB, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Randy Rawline, CB, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Mario McCollough, CB, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Nehemiah Haire, FS, 6-2, 195, Sr.; Brent Reid, SS, 6-0, 205, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Tim Curtis, RB; Tom Dubs, QB; Brent Patton, WR; Scott Zele, LB; Jason Carthen, LB; Brent Reid, SS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Matthew DeWitt, OT; Hank Ray, RB; Benny King, LB; Larry Nosse, OL; Lekanus Townsend, RB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Richard Hill, WR; Mike Dunn, LB.

AKRON

LOCATION: Akron, OH.

STADIUM: Rubber Bowl (35,202).

COACH: Gerry Faust (60-60-3 overall/30-34-2 at Akron)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Brett Hrivnak, TE, 6-6, 250, Jr.; Lavern Bass, WR, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Mark Wright, LT, 6-9, 300, Jr.; Mike Lyons, LG, 6-5, 260, So.; Bob Dunwiddie, C, 6-2, 270, Jr.; J.J. Schideman, RG, 6-3, 275, Jr.; Chris Sutyak, RT, 6-7, 305, Sr.; Mike Smith, WR, 5-11, 175, So.; Marcel Weems, QB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Ramont Small, FB, 6-0, 195, So.; Marlon Jacobs, RB, 6-10, 195, So.

Defense—Wayne Anderson, E, 5-11, 270, Jr.; Chris Haskins, E, 6-3, 280, Jr.; Shawn Ragley, NG, 6-2, 280, Jr.; Jerry Best, OLB, 6-5, 240, Sr.; Chad Licht, OLB, 6-4, 200, So.; Bruce Keys, LB, 6-5, 245, Sr.; Phil Dunn, LB, 6-0, 220, So.; Wayne Wade, CB, 6-1, 185, Jr.; Ted Draper, CB, 5-10, 160, So.; Victor Green, SS, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Lance Cash, FS, 6-2, 180, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Marcel Weems, QB; Ramont Small, RB; Marlon Jacobs, RB; Wayne Anderson, DE; Phil Dunn, LB; Wayne Wade, CB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Eddie Alford, RB; Jeff Blakely, WR; Morris Casey, DL; Fred Durr, OL; Alfonso Holmes, DL; Joe Rumolo, DL; Donan Small, LB; Jermell Wilkerson, RB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Eric Drakes, DL; Brett Jackson, OT; Tyrone Nelson, FB; Mike O'Connor, C; Harold Robinson, WR; Jeff Sweitzer, QB.

9. AKRON

Offense: Multiple. The Zips return just four starters on offense, headed by running backs Marlon Jacobs and Ramont Small, who combined for 709 yards last year. Also back are guards Bob Dunwiddie and J.J. Schideman. Their pass-and-pitch offense opens up the attack.

Defense: Multiple. The news is better here with seven starters returning, including linebackers Phil Dunn (174 tackles in 1991) and Bruce Keys (142 tackles). Nose guard Wayne Anderson can play all of the down positions. Wayne Wade led the Zips in interceptions last year with three.

Special Teams: Akron will have one of the MAC's top kicking threats in Daron Alcorn, a place-kicker and punter. He booted 13 of 17 field goals last year and averaged 41.7 yards per punt.

Environment: New enthusiasm greets the Zips this season as they prepare for their first campaign in the Mid-American Conference. "The Mid-American Conference will be a great challenge for Akron," said Zips head coach Gerry Faust.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Akron gets little opportunity to experiment since its first eight games are MAC contests. One of the highlights of the schedule is a game at Kent. The schools are separated by 12 miles, and although they've met 34 times previously, they'll be playing a league contest for the first time Oct. 10.

Outlook: The Zips have a tall task in replacing their quarterback, their top rusher and their best offensive lineman. Their success will be related to how long 18 of their top 22 defensive players from last year can keep them in games.

Bowl: no.

KENT

LOCATION: Kent, OH.

STADIUM: Dix Stadium (30,520)

COACH: Pete Cordelli (1-10 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-10.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 20.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Brian Dusho, FL, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Ryan Creed, T, 6-5, 238, Jr., 2nd All-MAC in 1991; Jim Broderick, T, 6-1, 288, So.; Jay McNeil, G, 6-3, 250, So.; Rodney West, G, 6-5, 280, Jr.; John Lorentz, C, 6-2, 249, Sr.; Steve Koproski, TE, 5-11, 225, Jr.; Jimmie Woody, SE, 5-11, 203, Sr.; Kevin Shuman, QB, 6-1, 180, So.; Ted Gregory, FB, 6-0, 225, Jr.; Marcus Haywood, TB, 5-8, 193, Sr.

Defense—Brady Kenners, OLB, 6-1, 224, Jr.; Maurice Sumpter, OLB, 6-0, 227, Jr.; Matt Jerrie, T, 6-3, 250, So.; Sean Howard, T, 6-1, 233, So.; Dave Tkatch, NG, 5-11, 250, Sr.; Sean Patterson, ILB, 6-0, 215, Jr.; Morrey Norris, ILB, 5-11, 206, So., MAC Freshman of Year in 1991; Vance Benton, CB, 5-11, 176, Jr.; Berkeley Claggett, CB, 5-9, 161, So.; Brian Allen, FS, 6-1, 176, Jr.; Roger Jones, SS, 5-9, 177, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Kevin Shuman, QB; Ted Gregory, FB; John Lorentz, C; Morrey Norris, LB; Sean Patterson, LB; Dave Tkatch, NG.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Travis Jennings, DL; Mike Miller, LB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Lance Hostetler, C; Doug Agnew, OT; Shawn Dames, FL; Andy Krupa, DT; Paul Haynes, SS; John Repasky, OT; Brad Smith, RB.

10. KENT

Offense: Multiple. Center John Lorentz is a three year starter, and tackle Ryan Creed has started for two years. Fullback Ted Gregory is the Flasher's top returning rusher. Guard Rodney West was one of the most improved players on the team last year.

Defense: Multiple. Linebacker Morrey Norris was the Freshman of the Year in the MAC last season. Linebacker Sean Patterson ranks as one of the league's top linebackers. Defensive backs Kevin Harris and Vance Benton are two-year starters.

Special Teams: Place-kicker Mike Benzy and punter Mike Challenger return. Both need to improve their effectiveness. The Flashers blocked four punts last season, including two by Kevin Harris and the third of his career by Reggie Cook.

Environment: Head Coach Pete Cordelli is confident he'll turn the Kent program around. Counting last year's 1-10 mark, however, the Flashers have had losing records four straight seasons and 13 of the last 14.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Flashers have played Akron in eight of the last nine seasons, but the next door neighbors will play this season for the first time in the same conference when they meet Oct. 10 at Kent. They'll look forward to the second game of the season, when Ohio at home might be their best chance for victory this season.

Outlook: The Flashers are heartened by the fact they return seven of their top eight tacklers from last season. The offense, however, will likely have trouble moving the ball consistently.

Bowl: no

PAC-10

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Same on Washington coach Don James. There are some Pacific 10 Conference teams in desperate need of a quarterback, but James has been hoarding QBs as if he were the general manager of the San Francisco 49ers.

With a pair of former Rose Bowl MVPs in Billy Joe

Hobert and Mark Brunell, James is going to make even new Stanford coach Bill Walsh jealous. "I don't know how you could ever duplicate that, ever again," James said of having two different QBs who were voted the top players in the '91 and '92 Rose Bowls. "It was so unbelievable."

Whichever team receives the best performance at the quarterback position is likely to emerge as Pac-10 champion, and that's where two-time defending champion Washington has the edge.

Hobert stepped in for the injured Brunell last season and guided the Huskies to a 12-0 record and a share of the national championship. Both were scheduled to battle for the starting spot in spring ball, but each is likely to play this season. "I don't plan on putting the guy who ends up No. 2 on the bench," James said. "We'll play both unless one jumps out way above the other."

In a conference that has at least five teams capable of making a run for first place, Washington enters as the favorite despite the absence of defensive lineman Steve Emtman, the first player taken in the 1992 NFL draft. There are still plenty of top defensive players, including linebacker Dave Hoffmann and end Andy Mason. The Huskies' major task will be finding some new receivers as targets for Hobert or Brunell.

"I don't think there will be a team that goes through and wins like we did the last two years with big scores," James said. "We beat a lot of teams badly, and I don't see anyone doing that."

Walsh, the architect of three Super Bowl victories by the 49ers, is expected to make an immediate impact in his return as Cardinal coach. There's terrific offensive talent, particularly on the offensive line. Also, QB Steve Stenstrom was 7-1 as a starter and now has Walsh to tutor him. Crucial to Stanford's rise last season was improved defense. Ten starters



Billy Joe Hobert, Washington
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Beno Bryant, Washington
PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN



Russell White (4), Cal.
PHOTO: TOM HAUCK



Reggie Perry, USC
PHOTO: AGGIE SKIRBALL

return, including the conference's best pair of outside linebackers in Ron George and Dave Garnett.

Among the remaining Pac-10 contenders UCLA, California and USC possess most of the ingredients necessary to challenge for the championship, but each starts the year searching for a reliable quarterback.

UCLA coach Terry Donahue has spent many sleepless nights trying to figure out why Tommy Maddox decided to pass up his final two collegiate years and turn pro. Everything was present for the Bruins to have a terrific season: a favorable schedule, experience on offense and defense and an improved kicking game. But following Maddox's exit, not one QB on UCLA's roster has attempted a pass in college.

California has a new coach, Keith Gilbertson, the former offensive coordinator at Washington. As individual talent goes, the Bears rank on the scale with the Huskies. Running back Russell White, receiver Sean Dawkins, guard Todd Steussie and defensive tackle Mack Travis don't have to bow to anybody. But QB Mike Pawlawski is gone, and all of the potential replacements, Perry Klein, Doug Barr and Todd Preston, are untested.

USC couldn't decide which QB was better last season. Reggie

Perry or Rob Johnson, and the indecision helped provoke a 3-8 season. Coach Larry Smith will surely settle on a starter, then try to build around him.

Washington State has no controversy about its quarterback, the talented Drew Bledsoe, and the Cougars could have their best team since the Dennis Erickson era. Arizona State has high hopes under new coach Bruce Snyder, and Arizona could be a spoiler if the Wildcats get immediate help from a group of junior college transfers.



Stanford/Washington

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Rob Johnson, USC

PHOTO: LOUIS A. RAYNOR



Othello Henderson, UCLA

PHOTO: RON VISELY



Steve Stenstrom, Stanford

PHOTO: JON SOOHOO/ICRIN/EIN ASSOCIATES



Arnold Ale (97), UCLA

PHOTO: LOUIS A. RAYNOR

WASHINGTON

LOCATION: Seattle, WA.

STADIUM: Husky Stadium (72,500)

COACH: Don James (169 73-3 overall/141 53-2 in 17 years at Washington)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 12-0 (defeated Michigan in Rose Bowl, 34-14).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 44

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Billy Joe Hobert, QB, 6-3, 225, Jr.; Beno Bryant, TB, 5-11, 178, Sr.; Matt Jones, FB, 6-2, 215, Jr.; Travis Sprng, SE, 5-11, 170, Fr.; Joe Kralik, FL, 5-10, 173, So.; Mark Bruener, TE, 6-5, 230, So.; Lincoln Kennedy, T, 6-7, 325, Sr.; Pete Pierson, T, 6-5, 270, Jr.; Pete Kaigis, G, 6-2, 255, Jr.; Jim Navella, G, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Frank Garcia, C, 6-1, 283, So.; Travis Hanson, K, 6-0, 185, Jr.

Defense—Andy Mason, E, 6-2, 238, Jr.; Mike Lustyk, T, 6-3, 270, Sr.; D'Marco Farr, MG, 6-1, 265, Jr.; Jamal Fontaine, OLB, 6-3, 230, Jr.; Jaime Fields, OLB, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Dave Hoffmann, ILB, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Hilary Butler, ILB, 6-2, 225, Jr.; Walter Bailey, CB, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Josh Moore, CB, 6-1, 190, So.; Tommie Smith, ROV, 6-2, 212, Sr.; Shane Pahukoa, FS, 6-3, 202, Sr.; John Werdal, P, 6-2, 188, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Billy Joe Hobert, QB; Beno Bryant, RB; Lincoln Kennedy, OT; Dave Hoffmann, LB; Mike Lustyk, DT; Tommie Smith, ROV.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Lawyer Milloy, DB; Travis Sprng, WR; Steve Hoffmann, DL; Pat Kesi, OL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mario Bailey, WR; Orlando McKay, FL; Ed Cunningham, G; Kris Rongen, G; Steve Emtman, DT; Tyrone Rodgers, MG; Donald Jones, OLB.

1. WASHINGTON

Offense: QB Billy Joe Hobert started 1991 as the Huskies' biggest concern, but he ended it as the Rose Bowl MVP. With Hobert (2,271 yards, 22 touchdowns) and backup Mark Brunell (1,732 yards in 1990), the Huskies offense is in good hands. Versatile Beno Bryant returns at TB, supported by Jay Barry and Napoleon Kaufman. OT Lincoln Kennedy (6-7, 325) leads an offensive line that will have three new players. Everything should go well as long as two new receivers come through.

Defense: Running against the Huskies last season was hopeless. Now that tackle Steve Emtman has moved on to the NFL, things will be easier, right? Don't bet on it. Linebackers Dave Hoffmann and Jaime Fields, end Andy Mason and defensive backs Tommie Smith, Walter Bailey and Shane Pahukoa return, meaning the Huskies still intend to blitz at will.

Special Teams: Bryant remains the conference's most feared punt returner. Kaufman, only a sophomore, shows good potential returning kickoffs. Travis Hanson has been solid on field goals.

Environment: Coach Don James lost three quality assistant coaches, but he's too organized to let it affect his team's performance.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Sept. 5 at Arizona State, new Sun Devil coach Bruce Snyder is waiting to ambush the Huskies; Oct. 3 vs. USC, Huskies can't win Pac-10 without beating Trojans; Oct. 31 vs Stanford, a win here, and the Huskies are home free.

Outlook: The loss of several key players means the Huskies have less room to make



Dave Hoffman, Washington

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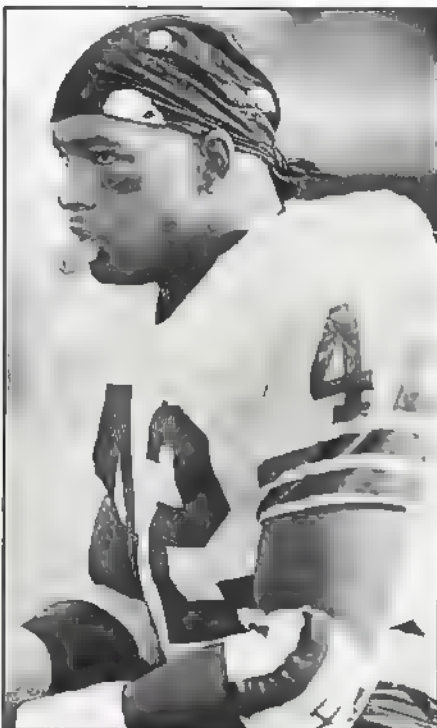
mistakes and still win. They won't dominate like last season, but their talent remains better than any other team.

Bowl: yes

2. STANFORD

Offense: When QB Steve Stenstrom (1,683 yards, 15 TDs) took over as a starter at midseason, the Cardinal went on a seven-game win streak. RB Glyn Milburn had a disappointing year for someone hyped as a Heisman Trophy candidate, but he should prosper with Bill Walsh as coach. C Glen Cavanaugh and OGs Chris Dalman and Brian Cassidy lead a top offensive line. Like Washington, the Cardinal must develop some untested receivers.

Defense: There was a time Stanford's defense ranked near the bottom of the conference. It showed tremendous



Jay Barry, Washington

PHOTO: OWEN C. SHAW

STANFORD

LOCATION: Stanford, CA

COACH: Bill Walsh (17-7 overall/1st year at Stanford)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-4 (lost to Georgia Tech in Aloha Bowl, 18-17).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 40.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Steve Stenstrom, QB, 6-2, 200, Jr.; Glyn Milburn, HB, 5-9, 175, Sr.; J.J. Lasley, FB, 6-0, 208, Jr.; Mike Cook, WR, 6-4, 200 Sr.; David Calomese, FL, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Ryan Webbnight, TE, 6-3, 225, Sr.; Jeff Buckley, T, 6-5, 290, Fr.; Steve Hoyem, T, 6-8, 310, Sr.; Brian Cassidy, G, 6-5, 305, Sr.; Chris Dalman, G, 6-4, 290, Sr.; Glen Cavanaugh, C, 6-7, 295, Sr.; Eric Abrams, K, 5-7, 160, Fr.

Defense—Tyrone Parker, E, 6-4, 295, Sr.; Estevan Avila, E, 6-3, 285, Sr.; Jason Fisk, NG, 6-4, 260, Jr.; Tom Williams, ILB, 6-0, 205, Sr.; Coy Gibbs, ILB, 6-0, 210, So.; Ron George, OLB, 6-2, 220, Sr.; Dave Garnett, OLB, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Darrien Gordon, CB, 6-1, 188, Sr.; Vaughn Bryant, CB, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Seyon Albert, SS, 5-11, 195, Sr.; John Lynch, FS, 6-2, 210, Sr.; Paul Stonehouse, P, 5-8, 175, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Steve Stenstrom, QB; Glyn Milburn, RB; Ron George, LB; Glen Cavanaugh, C; Dave Garnett, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Jimmy Klein, LB (injured); Jeff Buckley, OL; Eric Abrams, K; Bryan Taylor, DL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Bob Whitfield, T; Chris Walsh, WR; Tommy Vardell, FB; Albert Richardson, SS.

improvement last year, and 10 starters return. Leading the way are LBs Ron George, Dave Garnett and Coy Gibbs, SS Seyon Albert, NG Jason Fisk and E Estevan Avila. LB Jimmy Klein is back after missing last season because of a knee injury.

Special Teams: Freshman kicker Eric Abrams, *Parade Magazine's* Prep Player of the year, should solve past problems with making field goals. Paul Stonehouse is back as punter. Milburn remains a dangerous return specialist.

Environment: With Walsh as coach the Cardinal are excited and confident. Expectations are high and should be, considering Walsh's past record. Five former San Francisco 49er players are members of Walsh's coaching staff.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Oct. 3 at Notre Dame, since Walsh was a commentator for every Irish home game last season, he should know how to beat them; Oct. 10 at UCLA, a win here keeps the Cardinal a contender with Washington; Oct. 31 at Washington, the Cardinal are probably the only team capable of beating the Huskies in Seattle.

Outlook: Barring injuries, the Cardinal are in position to challenge for a Rose Bowl berth. If Stenstrom and Milburn have productive seasons, beware.

Bowl: yes.

3. UCLA

Offense: Balance is what the Bruins like, but they could revert to a running team because they don't have an experienced QB. That isn't good news for the conference's best WR, Sean LaChapelle, but offensive coordinator Homer Smith has no intention of letting sophomore

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. USC coach Larry Smith

There's no way Trojan alumni will stand for a second straight losing season, putting the pressure on Smith to make the right choice on whether Reggie Perry or Rob Johnson should start at QB.

2. California RB Russell White

Unlike Bruce Snyder, White chose to stay in Berkeley to get his degree. There's no reason he can't have another spectacular season and thus elevate his value as a future pro.

3. UCLA offensive coordinator Homer Smith

With Tommy Maddox having abandoned the Bruins for the NFL, it's up to Smith to develop a group of untested QBs. It'll be his decision whether to turn to a pair of highly touted freshmen QBs to bail out the offense by midseason.

Wayne Cook or redshirt freshman Rob Walker pass if they're not ready. RB Kevin Williams led the Pac-10 in rushing (108.9), but he remains injury-prone. Junior OTs Craig Novitsky and Vaughn Parker are outstanding.

Defense: The Bruins could have their best defense since 1988. LB Arnold Ale, DT Mike Chalenski, NG Bruce Walker, CB Carlton Gray and FS Othello Henderson are potential first-team all-conference picks. Look for sophomore OLB Jamir Miller to provide a strong pass-rush. JC transfer Donovan Gallatin could start in the secondary.

Special Teams: Louis Perez was 15 of 21 on field goals. Punter Darren Schager showed improvement. Freshman Bjorn Merten has a strong leg and will be used on kickoffs.

Environment: After back-to-back losing seasons, Coach Terry Donahue returned

the program to stability last season. This was supposed to be the year to return to the Rose Bowl until QB Tommy Maddox left. Now the pressure is on to win without Maddox.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Bruins have the easiest schedule of any title contender and don't play Washington. Oct. 3 at Arizona, a win here would prove the Bruins have found a QB; Oct. 10 vs. Stanford, this game reveals whether the Bruins are truly a title threat; Nov. 21 vs. USC, some type of bowl bid will be on the line.

Outlook: Bruins finally have a defense that is big enough to intimidate, yet still quick enough to play with finesse-type opponent offenses. However, the best defense in the world won't make up for the loss of QB Tommy Maddox. Bruins will need a leader to step up to the controls. Someone will.

Bowl: yes.

4. CALIFORNIA

Offense: RB Russell White has rushed for more than 1,000 yards each year in college. White is simply the best in the nation. OT Todd Steussie is headed for All-America status. OG Eric Mahlum moves to



Lincoln Kennedy, Washington

PHOTO: PAUL JASIEK

CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: Berkeley, CA.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (75,630).

COACH: Keith Gilbertson (28-9 overall/first year at California)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-2 (defeated Clemson in Citrus Bowl, 37-12)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 50.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Perry Klein, QB, 6-3, 215, Jr.; Russell White, TB, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Greg Zomalt, FB, 6-1, 210, Jr.; Sean Dawkins, WR, 6-4, 205, Jr.; Mike Caldwell, WR, 6-2, 200, Jr.; Chris Carpenter, TE, 6-4, 240, Jr.; Randy Nonhof, TE, 6-7, 285, Jr.; Todd Steussie, T, 6-6, 290, Jr.; Layne Hall, G, 6-2, 275, Sr.; Brian Thure, G, 6-5, 270, So.; Eric Mahlum, C, 6-5, 270, Jr.; Doug Brien, K, 6-0, 170, Jr.
Defense—Mack Travis, T, 6-2, 285, Sr.; Brad Monahan, T, 6-6, 270, So.; Brad Bowers, E, 6-7, 255, So.; Chidi Ananotu, E, 6-2, 270, Sr.; Mick Barsala, ILB, 6-2, 230, Sr.; Jerrott Willard, ILB, 6-2, 225, So.; Michael Davis, OLB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Chris Cannon, OLB, 6-1, 190, Sr.; Wolf Barber, CB, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Eric Zomalt, SS, 6-0, 185, Jr.; Darryl Brown, FS, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Chris Noonan, P, 6-2, 195, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Russell White, RB, Perry Klein, QB, Sean Dawkins, WR, Todd Steussie, OT, Matt Travis, DT, Jerrott Willard, LB, Doug Brien, K.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Todd Preston, QB, Randy Nonhof, OG, James Stalworth, OLB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mike Pawlawski, QB; Brian Treggs, WR; Steve Gordon, C; Troy Auzenne, OT; David Wilson, FS.

center. WR Sean Dawkins showed flashes of brilliance. As for who takes over for departed QB Mike Pawlawski, junior Perry Klein, sophomore Doug Barr or freshman Todd Preston are the candidates. White figures to run often while the Bears work on improving their passing game.

Defense: There are some holes to fill in the secondary and at linebacker, but there are also quality returnees. DT Mack Travis, LB Jerrott Willard, SS Eric Zomalt and CB Wolf Barber made major contributions in '91. The Bears will use four linemen.

Special Teams: The Bears have the best kicking duo in the conference. Kicker Doug Brien twice won games last season with field goals in the final seconds and made 22 overall. Punter Chris Noonan averaged 40.0.

Environment: New coach Keith Gilbertson made an immediate impression by landing two top assistants as his coordinators, former New Mexico coach Mike Sheppard (offense) and former USC assistant Arte Gigantino (defense). Sheppard is a fan of the pass; Gigantino is a great recruiter and top strategist.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Oct. 10 at Washington, Bears should be 4-0 going into this showdown; Oct. 17 at USC, Russell White always loves to play in the Coliseum, Nov. 21 vs. Stanford, Bears are tired of losing to the Cardinal.

Outlook: Any team that has White probably won't lose too many games. If the Bears get adequate play at QB, they could equal their 10-2 season of 1991.

Bowl: yes.

5. USC

Offense: QB Reggie Perry started 10 games last season (1,574 yards, three TDs), but there are still skeptics who won-

der if he'll ever be a productive passer. It's more important for the Trojans to re-establish their running game. TBS Deon Strother, Estrus Crayton and redshirt freshman Dwight McFadden have the skills. OT Tony Boselli is a future first-round draft pick.

Defense: The Trojans couldn't put pressure on QBs last year. OLBs Willie McGinest and Lamont Hollinquest are keys to correcting that weakness. DT David Webb could play more from a standing position. Safeties Mike Salmon and Stephon Pace lead the secondary. Trojans need stronger performances from their down linemen to excel.

Special Teams: Kicker Cole Ford was solid as a freshman. Punter John Stonehouse, a freshman, comes highly regarded. Curtis Conway is a TD threat each time he touches the ball.

USC

LOCATION: Los Angeles, CA.

STADIUM: Memorial Coliseum (92,518)

COACH: Larry Smith (104-75-5 overall/38-20-2 in five years at USC)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Reggie Perry, QB, 6-2, 200, Jr.; Deon Strother, TB, 6-0, 200, Jr.; Wes Bender, FB, 6-0, 245, Sr.; Curtis Conway, FL, 6-2, 180, Jr.; Johnnie Morton, SE, 6-0, 195, Jr.; Yonnie Jackson, TE, 6-2, 250, Sr.; Tony Boselli, T, 6-7, 275, So.; Joel Crisman, T, 6-5, 280, Jr.; Kris Pollack, G, 6-5, 275, So.; Clay Hattabaugh, G, 6-4, 260, So.; Craig Gibson, C, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Cole Ford, K, 6-3, 195, So.
Defense—Terry McDaniels, T, 6-4, 285, Jr.; Mike Hinz, NG, 6-3, 260, Jr.; David Webb, T, 6-4, 225, Sr.; Gideon Murrell, ILB, 6-4, 235, Jr.; Brian Williams, ILB, 6-3, 215, So.; Willie McGinest, OLB, 6-6, 230, Jr.; Lamont Hollinquest, OLB, 6-3, 225, Sr.; Jason Oliver, CB, 5-11, 190, Jr.; Jerald Henry, CB, 5-8, 180, So.; Stephon Pace, SS, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Mike Salmon, FS, 6-1, 200, Jr.; John Stonehouse, P, 5-11, 200, Fr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Deon Strother, TB; Estrus Crayton, TB; Reggie Perry, QB; Rob Johnson, QB; Willie McGinest, OLB; Stephon Pace, SS; Curtis Conway, FL.

TOP NEWCOMERS: John Stonehouse, P; Kyle Wachholtz, QB; Dwight McFadden, TB; Gerald Caruthers, OLB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Kurt Barber, LB; Michael Moody, OT; Derreck Deese, OG; Scott Lockwood, FB.

Environment: Forget that Larry Smith has guided USC to a bowl game in four of five years as coach. All the alumni remember is the 3-8 record in 1991. Smith will likely be under intense pressure if the Trojans get off to another slow start.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: It's not easy starting off at San Diego State, Oklahoma and Washington. Oct. 3 at Washington, the Trojans were embarrassed in their last trip to Seattle, 31-0; Nov. 21 vs. UCLA, beating the Bruins always provides a lift no matter how the season is going; Nov. 28 vs. Notre Dame, every Trojan supporter is desperate for a win over the Fighting Irish.

Outlook: The Trojans would receive a big boost in confidence if they could win two of their first three games. Otherwise, the problems of last season are likely to

ALL-PAC-10

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Billy Joe Hobert, Washington; RB Russell White, California; RB Glyn Milburn, Stanford; WR Sean LaChapelle, UCLA; WR Sean Dawkins, California; TE Clarence Williams, Washington State; T Lincoln Kennedy, Washington; T Vaughn Parker, UCLA; G Brian Cassidy, Stanford; G Chris Dalman, Stanford; C Glen Cavanaugh, Stanford; K Doug Brien, California; KR Curtis Conway, USC.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Jeff Cummins, Oregon; DE Andy Mason, Washington; DT Mack Travis, California; DT Mike Chalenski, UCLA; LB Arnold Ale, UCLA; LB Ron George, Stanford; LB Dave Hoffmann, Washington; CB Carlton Gray, UCLA; CB Walter Bailey, Washington; S Eric Castle, Oregon; S Stephon Pace, USC; P Chris Noonan, California.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Steve Stenstrom, Stanford; RB Kevin Williams, UCLA; RB Ontiwaun Cartor, Arizona; WR Johnnie Morton, USC; WR Eric Guliford, Arizona State; TE Yonnie Jackson, USC; T Tony Boselli, USC; T Craig Novitsky, UCLA; G Kris Pollack, USC; C Toby Mills, Arizona State; K Eric Abrams, Stanford; KR Napoleon Kaufman, Washington.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Richard Maddox, Arizona; DE Estevan Avila, Stanford; DT Ty Parten, Arizona; DT Sailusi Pouliwaati, Oregon State; LB Dave Garnett, Stanford; LB Brett Wallerstedt, Arizona State; LB Jerrott Willard, California; CB Jason Oliver, USC; CB Darrien Gordon, Stanford; S Shane Pahukoa, Washington; S Othello Henderson, UCLA; P Tommy Thompson, Oregon.

resurface. Still, this team has the talent to succeed. They only need to learn how to win consistently.

Bowl: yes.

6. WASHINGTON STATE

Offense: There are many weapons the Cougars can call upon. QB Drew Bledsoe is coming off a sophomore season in which he passed for 2,741 yards and 19 touchdowns. Others to watch are RB Shaumbe Wright-Fair (871 yards rushing), WR Phillip Bobo (54 catches, six TDs), OT Bob Garman and all-conference TE Clarence Williams.

Defense: LBs Anthony McClanahan, Lewis Bush and Kurt Loertscher have the green light to use their athletic ability and rush the passer. CB Torey Hunter and FS

John Rushing are using sophomore stars. The Cougars' major concern is inexperience on the line.

Special Teams: Replacing All-American kicker Jason Hanson won't be easy. Bobo is a terrific punter/returner.

Environment: Cougar fans are getting restless after experiencing success under former coach Dennis Erickson. Coach Mike Price has 10 starters back, so there are no excuses if the Cougars don't have a winning season.

WASHINGTON STATE

LOCATION: Pullman, WA

STADIUM: Martin Stadium (40,000).

COACH: Mike Price (59-64 overall/13-20 in three years at WSU).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 49

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Drew Bledsoe, QB, 6-6, 223, Jr.; Shaumbe Wright-Fair, RB, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Phillip Bobo, SB, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Clarence Williams, TE, 6-2, 231, Sr.; Deron Pointer, SE, 5-11, 175, Jr.; C J Davis, FL, 5-11, 104, Sr.; Bob Garman, T, 6-4, 290, Sr.; Jim Eucker, T, 6-6, 280, Sr.; John Dunning, G, 6-3, 292, Jr.; Konrad Pirmiskern, G, 6-5, 280, Sr.; Steve Wolfe, C, 6-5, 288, Sr.; Ken McConkey, K, 6-1, 179, Sr.

Defense—Ray Hall, E, 6-4, 254, Jr.; Chns Frank, T, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Todd Shaw, T, 6-6, 255, So.; DeWayne Patterson, E, 6-2, 235, So.; Lewis Bush, LB, 6-3, 238, Sr.; Anthony McClanahan, LB, 6-1, 206, Jr.; Kurt Loertscher, LB, 6-6, 222, Sr.; Torey Hunter, CB, 5-10, 172, So.; Robert Turner, CB, 6-3, 205, Jr.; Singor Mobley, SS, 6-0, 176, So.; John Rushing, FS, 5-10, 185, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Drew Bledsoe, QB; Shaumbe Wright-Fair, RB; Kurt Loertscher, LB; Phillip Bobo, SB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: James Witkowski, OL; Shane Petersen, DE; Chns Hayes, SS; Santana Lewis, WR; Robert Turner, CB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jason Hanson, K; Kirk Westerfield, DT; Lea Tilleman, DE.



Glyn Milburn, Stanford



Carlton Gray, UCLA

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Sept. 12 at Arizona, a win here will show the Cougars can't be overlooked in the conference race; Oct. 17 vs. UCLA, the Cougars could be 5-0 when they face the Bruins, Nov. 21 vs. Washington, bragging rights and a bowl bid could be on the line.

Outlook: The Cougars are potent offensively, but they were also last season, and could win only three games in the Pac-10. A better effort by all, especially that porous defense should result in one more win. At least that'll be an improvement.

Bowl: no.

7. ARIZONA STATE

Offense: With experience at QB and RB the Sun Devils only need to develop the line to field a productive offense. QB Bret Powers (1,500 yards, eight TDs) should prosper with Bruce Snyder as coach, but don't be surprised if talented redshirt freshman Troy Rauer gets a look. RBs George Montgomery, Mario Bates and Jerone Davison are excellent. WR Eric Gulford is a big-play specialist.

Defense: Ranked No. 2 in the Pac-10 behind Washington last season, the Sun Devils return six starters, and two former starters are back from medical redshirts. ILBs Brett Wallerstedt and Justin Dragoo make it difficult to run up the middle. CB Kevin Miniefield may be the best in the Pac-10. FS Adam Brass had five key interceptions.

Special Teams: Kicker Mike Richey was 12 of 16 on field goals. Punter Steve Rausch averaged 36.8 yards.

Environment: Bruce Snyder got a lucrative contract to turn around the Sun Devils, and that's what he'll do over time. He has a chance to make an immediate impression in ASU's opener against the defending national champion Huskies.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Sept.

ARIZONA STATE

LOCATION: Tempe, AZ

STADIUM: Sun Devil Stadium (74,865)

COACH: Bruce Snyder (68-81-5 overall/first year at ASU).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 49

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Bret Powers, QB, 6-5, 220, Jr.; George Montgomery, TB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Parnell Charles, FB, 6-1, 220, So.; Eric Gulford, WR, 5-8, 180, Sr.; Kevin Snyder, WR, 5-8, 162, Sr.; Bob Brasher, TE, 6-5, 236, Sr.; Jeff Kysar, T, 6-7, 297, So.; DeMario Vaughn, T, 6-5, 280, So.; Craig Rittter, G, 6-4, 274, Sr.; Farrington Togiai, G, 6-2, 310, Jr.; Toby Mills, C, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Mike Richey, K, 5-10, 185, Sr.

Defense—Bryan Hooks, T, 6-3, 256, Sr.; Israel Stanley, T, 6-3, 246, Sr.; Shante Carver, E, 6-5, 229, Jr.; Galvin Hill, E, 6-4, 234, Sr.; Brett Wallerstedt, LB, 6-1, 239, Sr.; Justin Dragoo, LB, 6-4, 229, So.; Kevin Miniefield, CB, 5-9, 177, Sr.; Lenny McGill, CB, 6-3, 193, Jr.; Adam Brass, FS, 5-10, 186, Sr.; Jean Boyd, S, 6-0, 188, Sr.; Tim Smith, S, 6-2, 187, Fr.; Steve Rausch, P, 6-2, 194, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Bret Powers, QB; George Montgomery, RB; Mario Bates, RB; Eric Gulford, WR; Kevin Miniefield, CB; Brett Wallerstedt, LB; Shante Carver, OLB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Farrington Togiai, OL; Aaron Franklin, LB; Juan Roque, DL; Troy Rauer, QB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Shane Collins, DL; Philippi Sparks, CB; Darren Woodson, LB

5 vs. Washington, a sellout crowd could inspire ASU to an upset, Oct. 24 at UCLA, Sun Devils have beaten Bruins only once ever; Nov. 14 vs. California, Snyder's old team isn't going to be in a friendly mood.

Outlook: If the defense is as good as expected, the Sun Devils figure to be competitive. Snyder's task is to inject some explosiveness in the offense.

Bowl: no.

8. ARIZONA

Offense: TB Ontwaun Carter averaged 5.4 yards as a freshman and gained 81 yards against Miami. The Wildcats must decide who's more capable to run their offense, senior George Malaulu or versatile sophomore Chuck Levy. JC All-American lineman Eric Johnson will be counted on to improve a weak spot last season. WR Terry Vaughn has impressive speed.

Defense: DT Ty Parten, NG Rob Waldrop and DE Jimmie Hopkins form a strong front trio. The return of Richard Maddox (foot injury) at OLB should improve the pass-rush. Mike Scurlock moves from LB to FS. CB Darryl Morrison started all 11 games last season.

Special Teams: Arizona has blocked 10 kicks in the past two years. Levy and Vaughn are superb return specialists. Kicker Steve McLaughlin was three for six on field goals.

Environment: Coach Dick Toomey brought in 13 JC transfers and two other transfers from Long Beach State in an attempt to infuse some experience to his young team. How well they blend in could be decisive.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The middle part of the schedule is brutal, with

four straight games against Miami, UCLA, Stanford and California. Sept. 12 vs. Washington State, this game will reveal whether the Wildcats have recovered from their 4-7 '91 season, Oct. 3 vs. UCLA, a win against the Bruins alerts everyone that the Wildcats are bowl material, Nov. 21 vs. Arizona State, beating the Sun Devils is a must for recruiting purposes.

Outlook: The Wildcats have 18 starters back, but many struggled last season and could be replaced by JC transfers or other newcomers. A big season from RB Carter and a return to health by OLB Maddox would make the Wildcats a surprise bowl contender.

Bowl: no

ARIZONA

LOCATION: Tucson, AZ

STADIUM: Arizona Stadium (67,000)

COACH: Dick Toomey (93-70-6 overall/30-24-3 in five years at Arizona)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 50

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Charles Levy, QB, 6-0, 197, So.; Ontwaun Carter, TB, 5-9, 171, So.; Robert Coulter, FB, 5-10, 206, Fr.; Lamar Lovett, WR, 5-9, 175, So.; Troy Dickey, WR, 6-3, 215, Jr.; Rodenck Lewis, TE, 6-5, 230, Jr.; Paul Stamer, T, 6-3, 250, So.; Mu Tagoai, T, 6-4, 290, So.; Mike Heemsbergen, G, 6-4, 287, Sr.; Jeff Falletta, G, 6-2, 249, Sr.; Mani Ott, C, 6-3, 260, So.; Steve McLaughlin, K, 6-0, 198, So.

Defense—Ty Parten, T, 6-6, 271, Sr.; Rob Waldrop, NG, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Jimmie Hopkins, E, 6-5, 260, Jr.; Richard Maddox, OLB, 6-1, 240, Sr.; Jamal Lee, OLB, 6-2, 220, Sr.; Charlie Camp, ILB, 5-11, 220, So.; Sean Harris, ILB, 6-3, 240, So.; Kershon Johnson, CB, 5-11, 175, Sr.; Darryl Morrison, CB, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Mike Scurlock, SS, 5-11, 195, So.; Tony Boule, FS, 5-10, 180, So.; Adam Grand, P, 6-1, 177, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Ontwaun Carter, RB; Charles Levy, QB; Richard Maddox, OLB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Troy Dickey, WR; Mike Aissa, OL; Eric Johnson, OL; Brant Boyer, LB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: John Fina, OL; Richard Holt, CB; Michael Bates, RB



Stephon Pace, USC

OREGON

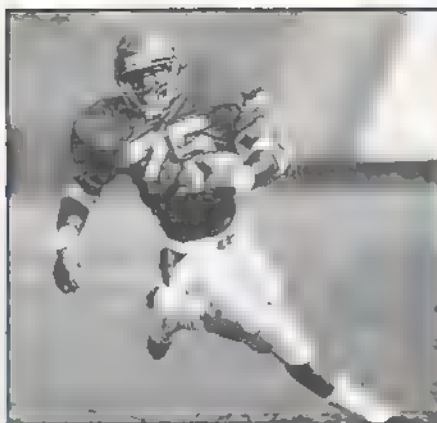
LOCATION: Eugene, OR
STADIUM: Autzen Stadium (41,698)
COACH: Rich Brooks (71-93-4 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 48
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Dan O'Neil, QB, 6-2, 180, So.; Sean Burwell, TB, 5-11, 181, Jr.; Juan Shedrick, FB, 6-2, 216, Jr.; Ronnie Harris, WR, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Anthony Jones, FL, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Vince Ferry, TE, 6-4, 234, Sr.; Matt Martin, T, 6-6, 265, Sr.; Steve Hardin, T, 6-7, 280, So.; Jon Tattersall, G, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Dan Mitchell, G, 6-7, 265, Jr.; Eric Reid, C, 6-4, 290, Fr.; Tommy Thompson, K, 5-10, 180, Jr.
Defense—Romero Bandison, E, 6-5, 272, Jr.; Jeff Cummins, E, 6-6, 265, Sr.; Sila Malepeal, NT, 5-11, 235, Jr.; Terrell Edwards, LB, 6-2, 225, Jr.; John Taumoepeau, LB, 6-2, 221, Jr.; Joe Farwell, LB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Ernest Jones, LB, 6-2, 222, Jr.; Eugene Jackson, CB, 5-9, 190, So.; Herman O'Berry, CB, 5-11, 185, So.; Chad Cota, SS, 6-1, 188, So.; Eric Castle, FS, 6-3, 206, Jr.; Tommy Thompson, P, 5-10, 180, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Dan O'Neil, QB; Eric Castle, FS; Sean Burwell, RB; Jeff Cummins, DE; Chad Cota, SS

TOP NEWCOMERS: Jeff Cummins, DE (injured); Eric Reid, C; Isaac Walker, CB

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Marcus Woods, NT; Matt LaBounty, DT; Jeff Thomason, TE



Deon Strother, USC

PHOTO: OWEN C. SHAW

Kerster is the Beavers' top lineman.

Defense: DT Sailusi Poulivaati set a school record with 15 tackles for losses, including five sacks. He'll team with DE Chad de Sully to give the Beavers a dangerous duo rushing the passer.

Special Teams: OSU blocked three punts last season and twice picked up first downs on fake punts.

Environment: Second-year coach Jerry Pettibone has made strides in the recruiting department. His season-ending win over Oregon was a big plus.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Sept. 12 vs. Fresno State, winning these games are a must if OSU is to become competitive in the Pac-10; Sept. 19 vs. Arizona, this Pac-10 opener would be an ideal spot for an OSU upset; Nov. 21 vs. Oregon, another

OREGON STATE

LOCATION: Corvallis, OR.
STADIUM: Parker Stadium (39,597)
COACH: Jerry Pettibone (1-10 in one year).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-10.
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 40.
PROJECTED STARTERS: **Offense**—Mark

Olford, QB, 5-8, 163, So.; Chad Paulson, HB, 6-1, 200, Jr.; Dwayne Owens, HB, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Curtis Willis, TD, 6-0, 195, Jr.; Ray Penniman, TE, 6-2, 240, Jr.; Maurice Wilson, SE, 5-8, 172, Sr.; Jason Downs, T, 6-2, 280, Sr.; John Garrett, T, 6-4, 258, So.; Fletcher Kerster, G, 6-4, 281, Sr.; Adam A.baugh, G, 6-5, 274, Jr.; Christian Miller, C, 6-5, 277, Jr.; Jamie Burke, K, 6-0, 191, Jr.
Defense—Chad de Sully, E, 6-4, 241, Jr.; Thomas Bookman, T, 6-2, 256, Jr.; Sailusi Poulivaati, T, 6-2, 265, Sr.; Mickey Fizer, E, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Eric Hale, ROV, 6-4, 215, So.; Cory Huot, LB, 6-3, 218, So.; T. O'Billovich, LB, 6-2, 206, Jr.; Randy Horton, CB, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Dennis Edwards, SS, 6-2, 216, Jr.; Michael Hale, FS, 5-11, 180, So.; Tim Kolas, P, 5-11, 180, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Mark Olford, QB; Chad Paulson, RB; Sailusi Poulivaati, DT; Fletcher Kerster, OG.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Roman Foster, QB, Ray Penniman, TE; Doug Cunningham, FB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Brent Huff, FS; Todd Sahfeld, LB; Tom Nordquist, C.

win over the Ducks could do great things for recruiting.

Outlook: The Beavers are still far away from gaining equality in the talent department with most Pac-10 teams, but they're making progress. If the Beavers get solid play at QB, they can keep improving.

Bowl: no.

9. OREGON

Offense: Five different players started at QB last season. The Ducks still haven't figured out how to replace Bill Musgrave. Dan O'Neil seems the most logical candidate, but he's injured. RB Sean Burwell showed promise until slowed by an ankle injury. FL Anthony Jones and FB Juan Shedrick are standouts.

Defense: The Ducks may have the conference's best safety combination in FS Eric Castle and SS Chad Cota. DE Jeff Cummins returns from an injury. He has NFL potential. LB Joe Farwell led the team in tackles. The Ducks must come up with someone to replace NG Marcus Woods and DE Matt LaBounty.

Special Teams: Tommy Thompson is dependable as a kicker and punter.

Environment: Coach Rich Brooks is admired despite a losing record in 16 years as coach. He had the Ducks making giant strides until he failed to come up with a dependable QB last season. He may have similar difficulties if O'Neil doesn't come through.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Sept. 12 at Stanford, the Ducks will learn if they've improved by how close they come to Cardinal; Oct. 3 vs. Arizona State, this is a must-win home game; Oct. 31 at Washington State, the Ducks are headed for the bottom if they don't win here.

Outlook: Key losses on defense and uncertainty at QB make the Ducks a good candidate for another losing season.

Bowl: no.

10. OREGON STATE

Offense: QB Mark Olford needs to inject some explosiveness in the Beavers option attack. RB Chad Paulson showed in the regular-season finale against Oregon that he has talent, rushing for 149 yards in 21 carries. OG Fletcher

ORDER OF FINISH

1. Washington

Even without Steve Emtman the Huskies are still loaded in the talent department.

2. Stanford

Watch how Coach Bill Walsh turns RB Glyn Milburn into another Darrin Nelson.

3. UCLA

If QB Tommy Maddox was around, the Bruins would be the conference favorite.

4. California

The Bears only need adequate play at QB to return to a top bowl.

5. USC

The Trojans must determine who their best QB and best RB are and then stick with them.

6. Washington State

A favorable schedule and the development of QB Drew Bledsoe make the Cougars a dangerous team.

7. Arizona State

New coach Bruce Snyder should've brought along some of his offensive linemen from Berkeley.

8. Arizona

The Wildcats need help from JC transfers to endure a brutal four-game stretch that consists of Miami, UCLA, Stanford and California.

9. Oregon

The Ducks have to rebuild their defense and find an effective QB to move up in the standings.

10. Oregon State

The Beavers are still far behind in talent, but recruiting has picked up, making future success possible.

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

By Russell White
With P.K. Daniel

I briefly thought about entering the 1992 draft for economic reasons, but I want to have something on my back besides my jersey number. I want to have my degree. People were surprised when I didn't enter the draft. They said, "Why don't you come back and finish later?" But when you're making all that money, it's hard to go back to school.

People said Cal's not going anywhere. That may be true, but I'm going somewhere. I could get a whole different mindset if I go to the NFL. I could say: "I'm making a million dollars a year. Why should I go back to school?" It's those thoughts that stopped me from entering the draft. I don't want a taste of the glory yet. I can wait.

It has taken a lot to get here, starting with the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Obviously, the SAT isn't indicative of how well one can achieve academically. Not being diagnosed with dyslexia hurt me. My mind would wander during the test because I didn't understand.

When I was admitted to Cal, a lot of people voiced their opposition, including UCLA coach Terry Donahue. If I had passed the SAT I bet he would've loved to have had me on his team.

And to the others who doubted me, I told myself: "I can do this. I have to do it." I'd look at myself in the mirror, and it would run through my mind: "Don't worry about what everyone else is saying because this is a big world, and a lot of people are going to have opinions." Some people still say I shouldn't be at Cal even though I'm doing well.

When schools come to you and offer you a scholarship, it isn't like you're going looking for them. They came to my door with this proposition, all I did was take it. I'm grateful they did.

I was thinking of one thing only, and that was education. I knew my education wasn't the best one of all time, and I felt I had to go to the best school to get one. Cal had the athletic support services I was looking for.

If I hadn't gone to Cal, I probably would've ended up at Washington. I had to get out of Los Angeles. I'd been there all my life, and I never really had a team in Los Angeles that I would die for. But regarding the recruiting visit to USC coach Larry Smith's house, it's a bunch of crap. People think I was trying to harp on his wife. I'm not like that. I never intended to be disrespectful.

Since high school I never felt Coach Smith and I saw eye to eye. I didn't feel comfortable. And when I was leaving, his wife said, "If you don't go to SC it will be just like Crespí playing Loyola [their son's high school] and always losing." She was being faithful to SC.

I admit a lot of the conflict with SC was my fault. I blew it up because I was mad at my uncle, Charles White [special assistant to the athletic director at SC] because of some of the comments he made. He said, "I hope for Russell to do well, but I want my SC boys to



tattoo him black and blue so when he wakes up Sunday morning, he'll be saying he should have gone to SC." Knowing that I'm a White like him, that wouldn't happen. He told me once he loved me no matter where I went, and that was all I needed.

But it was a reunited uncle-nephew relationship when he visited Cal last year. He said he hoped I had a good game. It was like I released a grudge that day. Sometimes you play above your level. Your uncle's watching you—a Heisman Trophy winner from a national championship team, who went to the NFL. I wanted to show him what I could do. Maybe down the line we can have a good relationship.

In the meantime, it's just getting the job done and getting my degree. I owe a lot of gratitude to Jo Baker, the academic counselor, who identified my learning disability. When I first came here, people rarely knew what my face looked like because I was always looking at the

ground. She said, "You can succeed here." She instilled confidence in me. As the semester went on, my head started to rise until a point where I had no problem holding it high.

I'm looking forward to my senior year. I have to go out and prove myself so I can get a high ranking at the end of the year. This is the last go-around. This is the last time I get to play against UCLA, SC and Washington.

If I win the Heisman, knock on wood, it would be of great importance because it's never been done here.

Supposedly, it's between Rick Mirer from Notre Dame and me. But somebody else always seems to get in there and stir up a little ruckus. I don't like the public relations part of it. I think it should go to a person who led his team and who stuck out across the nation. I'm just going to go out and do what I do best, and that's play football!

As far as us having a new coach this season, it's different. I liked [former coach] Bruce Snyder. I was very surprised at his departure to Arizona State, another Pac-10 school. I thought after I made my decision to stay, he'd stay. Having Coach Keith Gilbertson come down from Washington and reading about some of the things that he's done, I believe he has a good track record. We can't do anything but get better.

I didn't get to talk to Coach Snyder after his announcement. He sent everybody this formal letter explaining it. It was very confusing, and he couldn't get the team together because everybody was separated. I don't know why he left. Just telling a couple of us would've made it a little better.

We also lost two key players—Steven Gordon, starting center, and Troy Auzenne, left tackle. But as they say, people come and people go. Right now we're just going to try to put some things together. We lost some prospects because of the coaching transition. We moved some people from the defensive line to the offensive line. It'll come together.

After my professional career I want to be a junior high school counselor. I want to relay to children with learning disabilities that you can overcome them.

In helping children I hope to be like my mother. Children need positive role models. I admire any athlete doing positive things in the business world and local communities. You should be a member of your community, or better yet, participate in the worst community you can find. You just can't live up there in your house on the hill. Before you know it, the drug dealer is going to be living next door. I tell kids to keep their heads up, and don't be a part of the stuff you see going on around you. ●

SOUTHEASTERN

By Chip Towers
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reloaded after last season's first-ever conference championship and should be on top again this year.

Much will be different about the Southeastern Conference in 1992. Then again, much will be the same.

There'll be more teams—two more to be exact. The addition of Arkansas, a defector from the Southwest Conference, and South Carolina, a former independent, will bring the number of teams competing within the league to 12.

There'll be two divisions, Eastern and Western, with six teams in each.

There'll be new schedules. As if the league didn't beat up on itself enough before, the teams now will play eight conference games instead of the seven of last year or the six before that. Each team must play the five teams within its own division, two on a permanent basis from the other division and one non-division team on a rotating basis each year.

What will *not* be different in 1992 is the teams playing for the big stakes at the end of the season. Steve Spurrier's Florida Gators and Gene Stallings' Alabama Crimson Tide still are the principal players in this little crap shoot. The Georgias and the Auburns will hang around to make it interesting, and Jackie Sherrill is sure to have his band of Bulldogs barking and biting as never before. Primarily, the SEC, restructured or not, is Florida's and Alabama's for the taking.

Florida, which has recorded a 13-1 SEC mark in two seasons under Spurrier, appears to have

The Gators will be pushed in the Eastern Division by an upstart Georgia team that's long on talent (see Eric Zeier, Andre Hastings, Garrison Hearst), but short on maturity. The Bulldogs have had to endure yet another chapter of the "Great Defensive Line Exodus" and may have to rely on outscoring their opponents.

Tennessee would normally have a say in all this, but the Volunteers are looking for just that (volunteers, that is) after suffering major losses on offense and defense.

The Western Division is a one-team affair—Alabama—and the others will simply knock each other off trying reach its level. So Alabama should have home-field advantage when it plays Florida for the right to go to the Sugar Bowl. The Crimson Tide plays three regular-season games at Legion Field and should be quite comfortable with the surroundings by the time the Gators come to town. Trouble is, the SEC is asking a couple of hundred bucks per seat for the inaugural championship game, and a conference-wide ticket distribution system will keep Legion Field from being a sea of crimson—or orange for that matter. Florida beats anybody in the league on a neutral field.

So radical changes or not, one thing will stay the same in the SEC: Florida and Alabama will rule.

SOUTHEASTERN



James Willis, Auburn
PHOTO: ALLEN DEAN STEELE



Tennessee defense
PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN



Aaron Hayden, Tennessee
PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN



Stan White, Auburn
ALLEN DEAN STEELE

SEC EAST

1. FLORIDA

Offense: Senior quarterback Shane Matthews is back to guide the Gators "Fun and Gun" multiple attack and attempt to become the first player since Georgia's Herschel Walker to be named SEC Player of the Year three times in a row. Matthews is surrounded by lots of talented skill-position players, such as tailback Errict Rhett, the SEC's leading rusher last year (1,109 yards), and wide receiver Willie Jackson, who led the league in touchdown catches (10). The problem here lies up front where the Gators lost four of five starters.

Defense: The losses from Florida's 4-3 set weren't as heavy as on offense, but they were pivotal. Gone are All American defensive tackle Brad Culpepper, All SEC tackle Tony McCoy, and All SEC linebackers Tim Paulk and Ephesians Bartley, but finding athletes in the Sunshine State never seems to be a problem. The Gators are off to a good start with a foundation of defensive ends Harvey Thomas and Darren Mickell, linebacker Carlton Miles and defensive backs Will White and Larry Kennedy to build on.

Special Teams: Place-kicker Ryan Rulland will find filling Arden Czyzewski's shoes difficult, but the punting duties are in the capable hands—er, feet—of sophomore Shayne Edge, who garnered second-team All America honors as a freshman last year.

Environment: The feeling around Gainesville is the Gators can do no wrong under coach/savior Steve Spurrier. Their hot-dog style of play and 19-4 record in two seasons under Spurrier are starting to

FLORIDA

LOCATION: Gainesville, FL

STADIUM: Florida Field (83,000)

COACH: Steve Spurrier (39-17 2 overall/19-4 at Florida)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-2 (lost to Notre Dame in Sugar Bowl, 39-28)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 48.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Shane Matthews, QB, 6-3, 192, Sr.; Kelvin Rudolph, FB, 5-10, 224, Jr.; Errict Rhett, TB, 6-0, 212, Jr.; Willie Jackson, WR, 6-1, 194, Jr.; Charlie Dean, TE, 6-2, 231, Jr.; Ryan Taylor, T, 6-4, 284, Jr.; Dexter Smith, G, 6-2, 287, Sr.; Garrit Crouch, C, 6-2, 268, Jr.; Jim Watson, G, 6-2, 289, Sr.; Dean Gulden, T, 6-5, 262, So.; Tre Everett, WR, 5-9, 172, Sr.; Ryan Rulland, PK, 6-1, 195, Jr.

Defense—Harvey Thomas, E, 6-4, 231, Sr.; William Gaines, T, 6-5, 287, Jr.; Rob Whited, T, 6-2, 242, Jr.; Darren Mickell, F, 6-4, 288, Sr.; Carlton Miles, LB, 6-1, 237, Sr.; Ed Robinson, LB, 6-0, 228, Jr.; Myrick Anderson, BB, 5-11, 211, Sr.; Marquette Oliver, GB, 5-9, 207, Sr.; Del Spear, CB, 6-0, 192, Sr.; Larry Kennedy, CB, 5-10, 182, So.; Will White, S, 6-1, 199, Sr.; Shayne Edge, P, 5-11, 170, So.

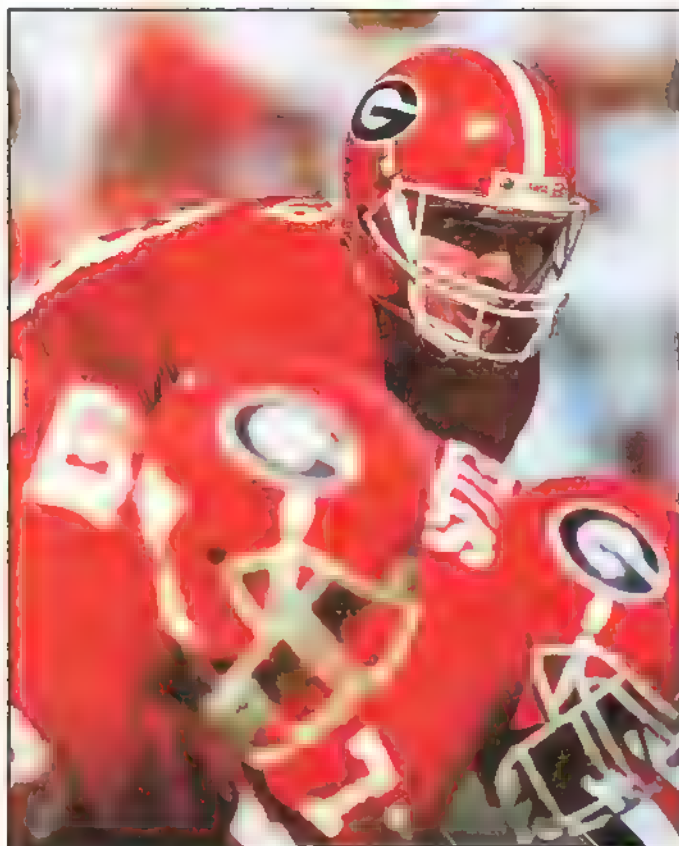
MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Shane Matthews, QB; Will White, FS; Errict Rhett, TB; Ryan Rulland, PK; the offensive line.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Dexter Daniels, LB; Tony Davis, RB; Reggie Groen, OL; Andre Washington, LB; Cameron Davis, DL.

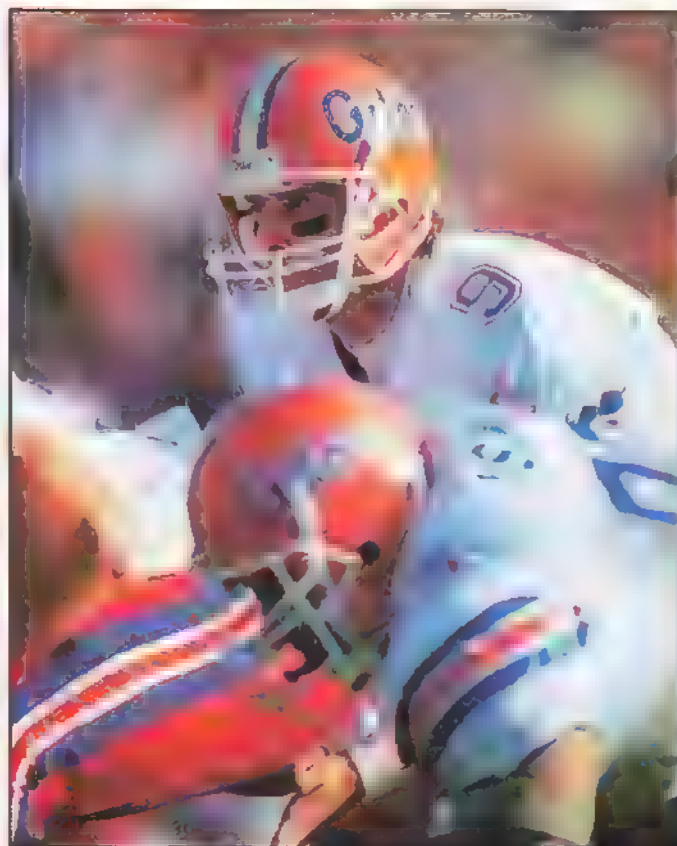
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Cal Dixon, C; Hasham Ismail, G; Mark White, T; Tony Rowell, T; Dexter McNabb, FB; Willie McClendon, TB; Brad Culpepper, DT; Tim Paulk, LB; Ephesians Bartley, OLB; Arden Czyzewski, P/PK.

bring out the best in opponents. (See Sugar Bowl loss to Notre Dame.)

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: A tough schedule for most teams, but the



Eric Zeier, Georgia
PHOTO: ALLEN DEAN STEELE



Shane Matthews, Florida
PHOTO: JIM GUNDALL/SPORT

Gators face just three testers in 1992: Oct. 1 at Mississippi State; Oct. 31 vs. Georgia in Jacksonville, Florida; and Nov. 28 at Florida State.

Outlook: The Gators will represent the SEC's Eastern Division in the league championship game at Birmingham, Alabama.

Bowl: yes.

2. GEORGIA

Offense: Eric Zeier and the Bulldogs have had a year to learn coordinator Wayne McDuffie's I-based, multiple-set system, and that's bad news for their opponents. Zeier, a sophomore, set the school passing record starting just six games last season. His favorite target is junior flanker Andre Hastings, who set the school receptions record. Keeping opponents honest is running back Garrison Hearst, who was 32 yards short of the 1,000 mark despite split time with Larry Ware last year.

Defense: Georgia's offense must put up big numbers because they may be needed to out-score opponents. Losses on the defensive side of the ball were heavy, especially along the defensive line. Starting tackle Curt Douglas was academically dismissed, starting nose guard Willie Jennings was kicked off the team for repeated team rules violations, and starting tackle Donnie Maib tore up his knee in the spring game. The Bulldogs imported capable immediate help from the JUCO ranks in the form of linebacker Charlie Clemons and cornerback Greg Tremble. Lineman Casey Barnum appears to be coming into his own, and outside linebacker Mitch Davis is poised for a great year. The losses here, however, may be too much to overcome.

GEORGIA

LOCATION: Athens, GA

STADIUM: Sanford Stadium (85,434).

COACH: Ray Goff (20-16 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-3 (beat Arkansas in Independence Bowl, 24-15)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 46.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Eric Zeier, QB, 6-2, 200, So.; Mack Strong, FB, 6-0, 214, Sr.; Garrison Hearst, TB, 5-10, 195, Jr.; Andre Hastings, FLK, 6-2, 181, Jr.; Shannon Mitchell, TE, 6-3, 242, Jr.; Bernard Williams, LT, 6-9, 285, Jr.; Steve Roberts, LG, 6-3, 263, So.; David Weeks, C, 6-6, 255, RS Fr.; Jack Swan, RG, 6-4, 258, Sr.; Alec Milan, RT, 6-7, 278, Sr.; Jeff Thomas, SE, 6-2, 202, So.; Kanon Parkman, PK, 5-11, 170, So.

Defense—Tom Wallace, LT, 6-6, 275, Sr.; Casey Barnum, NG, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Randy Wolford, DT, 6-4, 250, Jr.; Mitch Davis, OLB, 6-3, 237, Jr.; Travis Jones, ILB, 6-3, 232, Jr.; Charlie Clemons, ILB, 6-2, 225, Jr.; Mike Jones, SS, 6-3, 215, Sr.; Chris Wilson, LCB, 5-8, 174, Sr.; Charles Pedger, RCB, 6-0, 174, So.; Ralph Thompson, FS, 6-1, 184, Jr.; Scot Armstrong, P, 6-2, 187, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Eric Zeier, QB; Garrison Hearst, TB; Andre Hastings, FLK; Mike Jones, SS; Travis Jones, ILB; Mitch Davis, OLB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Charlie Clemons, ILB; Danny Ledbetter, ILB; Randall Godfrey, ILB; Greg Tremble, CB; Sterling Boyd, TB; Terrell Davis, TB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Curt Douglas, DT; John Allen, ILB; Dwayne Simmons, ILB; David Hargett, SS; Chuck Carswell, CB; George Wynn, CB; Willie Jennings, NG.

ALL-SOUTHEASTERN

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Shane Matthews, Florida; RB Garrison Hearst, Georgia; RB Errict Rhett, Florida; WR Andre Hastings, Georgia; WR Willie Jackson, Florida; TE Shannon Mitchell, Georgia; OT John James, Mississippi State; OT Everett Lindsay, Mississippi; OG Steve Roberts, Georgia; OG Kevin Mawae, LSU; C Tobie Sheils, Alabama; PK Doug Pelfry, Kentucky.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: DL Harvey Thomas, Florida; DL Cedric Bembery, South Carolina; DE John Copeland, Alabama; DE Darren Mickell, Florida; LB Mitch Davis, Georgia; LB Daniel Boyd, Mississippi State; LB James Willis, Auburn; CB George Teague, Alabama; CB Fred Smith, Auburn; FS Will White, Florida; SS Derriel McCorvey, LSU; P David Lawrence, Vanderbilt.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE: QB Eric Zeier, Georgia; RB James Stewart, Tennessee; RB Derrick Lassie, Alabama; WR David Palmer, Alabama; WR Kurt Johnson, Kentucky; TE Fred Baxter, Auburn; OT Mike Stowell, Tennessee; OT Matt Hammond, Alabama; OG Jim Watson, Florida; OG Darron Landry, LSU; C Brian Spivey, Tennessee; PK Pedro Suarez, LSU.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE: DL Casey Barnum, Georgia; DL J.J. Surlas, Tennessee; DE Todd Kelly, Tennessee; DE Eric Curry, Alabama; LB Ricardo Washington, LSU; LB Carlton Miles, Florida; LB Derrick Oden, Alabama; CB Antonio Langham, Alabama; CB Robert Davis, Vanderbilt; FS Brad Armstead, Kentucky; SS Frankie Luster, Mississippi State; P Shayne Edge, Florida.

Special Teams: Long a Bulldog strength, they struggled last season, especially in the area of kick return coverage. Walk-on kicker Andrew Chadwick could provide the deep kickoffs Georgia has been missing. That would give the Bulldogs a trio of kickers with Kanon Parkman handling field goals, Todd Peterson making extra points and Chadwick kicking off.

Environment: Expectations are high and Head Coach Ray Goff is feeling the pressure. Success the next two seasons could extend Goff's career; non-success could cut it short.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Bulldogs have the type of schedule that wins championships: hard in some places and soft in others. They'll be tested early with a road opener at South Carolina and a home opener vs. Tennessee. They could be 8-0 going into the Florida contest in Jacksonville.

Outlook: A 10-1 record and major bowl berth are realistic possibilities, but the Bulldogs must be careful to avoid potential stumbling blocks such as last year's loss to Vanderbilt (16, Oct. 24 at Kentucky).

Bowl: yes

3. VANDERBILT

Offense: Gerry DiNardo has had a year to recruit for his I-Bone option attack, which gave defenses fits a year ago.

Quarterback Marcus Wilson is back as the perfect pivot for the system, but replacing tailback Corey Harris and center Kevin Brothen will be difficult. The Commodores think they have capable replacements in TB Tony Jackson and C Richard Saenz.

Defense: The Commodores were one of the best teams in the league last year at stopping the pass with their "reduction" defense, but they must do a better job of slowing down the run. That won't be easy with new inside linebackers Gerald Collins and Ricky Melton. The secondary, led by cornerback Robert Davis, is exceptional.

Special Teams: Despite having one of the league's best punters in David Lawrence (42.74), the Commodores were one of the league's worst at covering them. Place-kicker Rob Chura is unproven, and they'll have to find a new kick returner.

Environment: Excitement abounds among the Commodore faithful after watching DiNardo turn the program around. The five wins last season were four more than the previous year, and they're wanting even more this year. The recruiting class was ranked among the nation's Top



Will White, Florida

VANDERBILT

LOCATION: Nashville, TN.
STADIUM: Dudley Field (41,000).
COACH: Gerry DiNardo (5-6 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 35
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Marcus Wilson, QB, 6-1, 197, Sr.; Carlos Thomas, FB, 5-10, 216, Sr.; Tony Jackson, TB, 5-8, 170, Jr.; Derrick Payne, WB, 5-7, 175, Sr.; Tom Vincent, T, 6-6, 282, Sr.; John Dooling, G, 6-3, 285, Jr.; Richard Saenz, C, 6-4, 256, So.; Ryan Bell, G, 6-3, 273, Jr.; Eric Dahlberg, T, 6-6, 277, Jr.; Pat Akos, TE, 6-5, 255, Jr.; Robbie Chura, PK, 5-6, 155, Sr.

Defense—John DeWitt, LE, 6-4, 240, Jr.; Mike Gondolfo, NG, 6-1, 234, Sr.; John DeWitt, RE, 6-4, 240, Jr.; Shrekton Quarles, OLB, 6-2, 222, Jr.; Gerald Collins, ILB, 6-3, 250, Jr.; Ricky Melton, ILB, 6-1, 208, So.; Gary Rogers, OLB, 6-3, 215, Sr.; Robbie Young, CB, 6-1, 190, Sr.; Robert Davis, CB, 5-9, 193, Jr.; Rico Francis, SS, 6-0, 202, Jr.; Aaron Smith, FS, 5-11, 193, Jr.; David Lawrence, P, 6-4, 212, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Marcus Wilson, QB; Tony Jackson, TB; Pat Akos, TE, Alan Young, DE, Mike Gondolfo, NG; Carlos Thomas, FB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Brandon Cupepper, LB; Cliff Deese, TB, Brent Rhodes, OL, Allen DeGraffenreid, DL; Byron DeGraffenreid, DL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Kevin Brothen, C; Bobby Craycraft, OT; Corey Harris, TB; Rob Keith, LB; Steve Medes, LB; Louis Woolridge, LB.

20—unheard of in year's past.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:

Traditionally an atrocious road team, the Commodores have to make trips to Alabama, Auburn and Georgia through the first six games. They'll have to get the wins where they can before closing the season at home against Florida and Tennessee, respectively.

Outlook: If Vanderbilt can pull off some upsets, a bowl berth is possible, but not likely.

Bowl: no.

4. TENNESSEE

Offense: The Vols are starting from scratch after losing almost every starter from last year's squad. For the first time in years there's no obvious standout at Wide Receiver U, and the offensive line is minus the standard first-round NFL draft pick. A solid foundation is there in the form of sophomore running backs James Stewart and Aaron Hayden, both potential 1,000-yard rushers.

Defense: Ditto. The Vols lost nine of 11 starters on defense, many of which found their way into the NFL this year. Tackle J.J. Surles and end Todd Kelly will have to supply leadership as the only returning starters. Redshirt freshman tackle Jason Layman, junior linebacker Reggie Ingram and strong safety Victor Brown are just some of the newcomers Tennessee needs to contribute.

Special Teams: Usually a point of pride for Johnny Majors, special teams were a source of embarrassment last season. The bright spot is all three kickers return—punter Tom Hutton, place-kicker John Becksvoort and kickoff specialist Joey Chapman. On the other hand, the Vols must find a new snapper and a new holder.

Environment: The Vols enter the second



Errict Rhett, Florida

year of a non-sanction, two-year probation with expectations low and patience high. 1992 is a rebuilding year for Tennessee, and everybody knows it. Because of the relaxed atmosphere look for the Vols to pull off some upsets.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Not as cut-throat as in recent years. They've replaced Louisville with Southwest Louisiana, UCLA with Cincinnati and Notre Dame with South Carolina.

Outlook: For the first time in three years the Vols won't contend for the league title.

Bowl: no

TENNESSEE

LOCATION: Knoxville, TN
STADIUM: Neyland Stadium (91,110).
COACH: Johnny Majors (168-102-10 overall/112-59-8 at Tennessee).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-3 (lost to Penn State in Fiesta Bowl, 42-17).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Heath Shuler, QB, 6-3, 208, So.; Mario Brunson, FB, 6-1, 245, Jr.; Aaron Hayden, TB, 6-0, 206, So.; J.J. McCleskey, FL, 5-8, 172, Sr.; Robert Todd, TE, 6-5, 257, Sr.; Mike Stowell, T, 6-2, 290, Sr.; Bubba Miller, G, 6-1, 290, Fr.; Brian Spivey, C, 6-2, 280, Sr.; Jeff Smith, G, 6-3, 300, Fr.; Rodney Gordon, T, 6-1, 264, Sr.; Craig Faulkner, WR, 5-11, 177, Jr.; John Becksvoort, PK, 6-1, 170, So.

Defense—Shane Bonham, LE, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Jason Layman, LT, 6-5, 286, Fr.; J.J. Surles, RT, 6-4, 258, Sr.; Todd Kelly, RE, 6-4, 262, Sr.; Reggie Ingram, LB, 6-2, 255, Jr.; Willie Richards, LB, 6-3, 254, Sr.; Ben Talley, LB, 6-3, 228, So.; Tracy Smith, CB, 5-9, 190, Sr.; Steve Session, CB, 6-0, 192, Sr.; Victor Brown, SS, 6-1, 208, Jr.; David Bennett, FS, 6-1, 194, Sr.; Tom Hutton, P, 6-1, 181, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Heath Shuler, QB; Aaron Hayden, TB; Victor Brown, SS; Ben Talley, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Victor Brown, SS, Jeff Smith, OG, Bubba Miller, OG; Todd Helton, QB/DB; Shawn Summers, WR.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Andy Kelly, QB, Carl Pickens, WR; Tom Myslinski, OG; Von Reavas, TE; Kacy Rogers, DE; Chuck Smith, DE; Darryl Hardy, LB, Shon Walker, LB; Dale Carter, FS.

5. KENTUCKY

Offense: Kentucky would like to use its multiple-look offense to put up multiple points in '92. It was last in the SEC in both yards and points produced last year. Quarterback Pookie Jones and flanker Kurt Johnson certainly give the Wildcats big-play capability, and the Wildcats have incorporated a passing game into their option attack to tap that. The offensive line, led by seniors Neil Page, Matt Brannum, Todd Perry and Chuck Bradley, appears solid.

Defense: Just about everybody returns for a defense that was last in the league in every statistical category. The Wildcats have scrapped the old Split 60 for the more conventional 3-4 multiple set and promise a more aggressive attitude. The team will depend on LB Marty Moore and FS Brad Armstead for leadership. Tackle Robert Stinson and linebacker Shane Ball have potential.

Special Teams: Senior Doug Pelfry is one of the nation's top returning long-distance place-kickers. He made 10-of-14 FGs last year, four of which were from over 50 yards, and two of his four misses were from over 54 yards. Kentucky also has one of the SEC's best kick returners in senior flea-back Kurt Johnson, who has three TD returns to his credit. Conversely, the Wildcats don't have a scholarship punter in camp and none that have any collegiate experience.

Environment: If anybody in Lexington really cared, Bill Curry could be in trouble after back-to-back losing seasons. They don't, and Curry isn't.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Wildcats are staring at some killer road

KENTUCKY

LOCATION: Lexington, KY.
STADIUM: Commonwealth Stadium (57,800).
COACH: Bill Curry (64-68-4 overall/7-15 at Kentucky).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8.
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 56
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Pookie Jones, QB, 6-1, 192, So.; Craig Walker, FB, 5-10, 201, Sr.; Clyde Rudolph, TB, 5-7, 166, So.; Kurt Johnson, FL, 5-7, 145, Sr.; Neil Page, TE, 6-4, 245, Sr.; Mark Askin, T, 6-5, 285, So.; Joey Matthews, G, 6-0, 255, Sr.; Matt Brannum, C, 6-2, 261, Sr.; Todd Perry, G, 6-5, 280, Sr.; Chuck Bradley, T, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Tim Calvert, SE, 5-9, 163, Jr.; Doug Pelfry, PK, 5-11, 178, Sr.

Defense—Robert Stinson, T, 6-4, 260, So.; Damon Betz, NG, 6-4, 285, So.; Sean Smith, E, 5-11, 220, Jr.; Shane Ball, OLB, 6-2, 210, So.; Marty Moore, ILB, 6-1, 234, Jr.; Reggie Smith, ILB, 6-3, 223, Sr.; Duane Williams, OLB, 6-0, 200, Jr.; Sterling Ward, ROV, 5-11, 175, Sr.; Adrian Shawwood, CB, 5-11, 170, Jr.; Steven Hall, CB, 6-2, 185, So.; Brad Armstead, FS, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Jason Todd, P, 5-10, 179, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Pookie Jones, QB, Kurt Johnson, FL; Todd Perry, OG; Marty Moore, LB; Brad Armstead, FS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: David Snardon, OLB; James Tucker, DB; Leon Smith, WR; Antonio O'Ferral, QB/TB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Freddie Maggard, QB; Greg Lahr, OT; Jerry Bell, DT; Joey Couch, NG; Derrick Thomas, DE; Larry Jackson, DB; Gary Willis, DB.

games—at Florida, at Ole Miss, at LSU, at Tennessee—so they need to get their wins at home, and there are no guarantees there.

Outlook: Another losing season in the Bluegrass State
Bowl: no.

6. SOUTH CAROLINA

Offense: Much of the success here will depend on the development of a new quarterback to run the Gamecocks multiple offense. Senior Wright Mitchell, Bobby Fuller's backup the past two seasons, emerged from spring practice as the man for the job, but his talents are as yet unproven. Much of the load will fall on talented sophomore running back Brandon Bennett, who piled up the yards as a freshman.

Defense: They look strong up the middle as leading tackler Eric Brown (101 tackles) is back at inside linebacker, and Cedric Bembery is back at nose guard. Outside linebacker Ernest Dixon (four sacks) should provide a pass-rush, and the secondary got stronger with the acquisition of cornerback Ron Nealy, considered one of the nation's top three prep DBs last year. This should be an improved unit despite the loss of five starters.

Special Teams: The Gamecocks may improve in this area. Strong-legged sophomore Marty Simpson returns to handle the place-kicking duties after a disappointing freshman season in which he struggled with accuracy (6-of-13 FGs/28-of-32 PATs). They have lost punter Daren Parker, a three-year starter, but feel they have a capable replacement in redshirt freshman Derwin Jeffcoat, a *USA Today* All-American

SOUTH CAROLINA

LOCATION: Columbia, SC.

STADIUM: Williams-Brice Stadium (72,400)

COACH: Sparky Woods (53-34-5 overall/15-15-3 at South Carolina).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-6-2.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 40.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Wright Mitchell, QB, 6-0, 205, Sr.; Brandon Bennett, RB, 6-0, 208, So.; Leroy Jeter, RB, 6-2, 230, Sr.; Asim Penny, WR, 6-5, 190, So.; Mathew Campbell, TE, 6-5, 245, Jr.; Antwan Jackson, T, 6-5, 280, So.; Vincent Dinkins, G, 6-2, 285, So.; Kenny Farrell, C, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Antoine Rivers, G, 6-2, 270, Sr.; Corey Louchley, T, 6-8, 305, Jr.; Terrell Harris, WR, 6-0, 170, Fr.; Marty Simpson, PK, 6-3, 190, So.

Defense—David Turnipseed, LE, 6-4, 260, So.; Cedric Bembery, NG, 6-0, 285, Sr.; Jabbar Mayes, RE, 6-2, 275, So.; Ernest Dixon, OLB, 6-2, 240, Jr.; Eric Brown, LB, 6-2, 220, Jr.; Chris Rumph, LB, 6-3, 200, So.; Keith Franklin, OLB, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Erik Anderson, CB, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Ron Nealy, CB, 5-10, 165, Fr.; Cedric Sumratt, SS, 6-11, 200, Sr.; Norman Greene, FS, 6-2, 190, So.; Derwin Jeffcoat, P, 6-2, 215, Fr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Wright Mitchell, QB; Brandon Bennett, RB; Eric Brown, LB; Cedric Bembery, NG.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Ron Nealy, DB; Steve Tanneyhill, QB; Don Chaney, WR; Monty Means, WR; Ronnie Smith, LB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Bobby Fuller, QB; Robert Brooks, WR; Jay Kilten, C; Mike Tolbert, LB; Joe Reaves, LB; Gerald Dixon, OLB; Antonio Walker, CB.



Andre Hastings, Georgia

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in high school with a 45-yard average. Both of the primary returners last year—Robert Brooks and Eddie Miller—have graduated.

Environment: Sparky Woods' seat is beginning to feel a little warm these days, but it won't likely get too hot during the Gamecocks' transition year into the Southeastern Conference.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Gamecocks, who played the nation's toughest schedule last year, open with three straight home games. The first one, against SEC contender Georgia, will be a toughie and could decide which direction South Carolina goes in its inaugural SEC season. A difficult road slate awaits them with trips to Alabama, Vanderbilt, Florida and Clemson in the final seven weeks.

Outlook: When they get through with this one, last year's 3-6-2 mark might actually look good.

Bowl: no.



Tony Jackson, Vanderbilt

PHOTO: FRANK DI BRANCO

SEC WEST

1. ALABAMA

Offense: Can you say stocked? Or is it stacked? No matter how you try to say it, the Crimson Tide is loaded. Sure, they lost TB Siran Stacy, FB Kevin Turner and QB Danny Woodson, but with the entire offensive front coming back, it doesn't matter. Sophomore QB Jay Barker returns after starting the last six games last season, and he'll have plenty of targets in SE Kevin Lee, FLKs David Palmer and Prince Wimbley and tight end Steve Busky. The Tide still likes to keep it on the ground, though, and senior Derreck Lassic and junior Chris Anderson will have the fans asking, "Siran who?"

Defense: Alabama was third in the

ALABAMA

LOCATION: Tuscaloosa, AL.

STADIUM: Bryant-Denny Stadium (70,123).

COACH: Gene Stallings (45-51-1 overall/18-6 at Alabama).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 11-1 (defeated Colorado in Blockbuster Bowl, 30-25).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 54.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Jay Barker, QB, 6-3, 209, So.; Martin Houston, FB, 5-10, 235, Sr.; Derreck Lassic, TB, 5-11, 186, Sr.; David Palmer, FLK, 5-9, 170, So.; Kevin Lee, SE, 6-1, 186, Jr.; Matt Hammond, T, 6-3, 266, Jr.; George Wilson, G, 6-2, 263, Jr.; Tobie Shields, C, 6-3, 250, Jr.; William Barger, G, 6-8, 270, Jr.; Jon Stevenson, T, 6-2, 273, So.; Steve Busky, TE, 6-6, 233, Sr.; Matt Wethington, PK, 5-11, 170, So.

Defense—John Cope and, LE, 6-3, 261, Sr.; James Gregory, NT, 6-4, 283, Jr.; Eric Curry, RE, 6-7, 255, Sr.; Antonio London, OLB, 6-3, 228, Sr.; Michael Rogers, LB, 6-1, 220, So.; Derreck Oden, LB, 6-0, 225, Sr.; Lemanski Hall, OLB, 6-1, 220, Jr.; Sam Shade, CB, 6-1, 190, So.; Antonio Langham, CB, 6-1, 170, Jr.; Alex Jordan, SS, 6-0, 188, Jr.; George Teague, FS, 6-2, 187, Sr.; Brynne Diehl, P, 6-3, 202, Fr. or J.J. Adams, P, 6-1, 165, Fr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jay Barker, QB; Derreck Lassic, TB; Matt

Wethington, PK; Derreck Oden, LB; John Copeland, DE; James Gregory, NT.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Chris Donnelly, DB; Brian Burgdorf, QB; Rory Segrest, OL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Siran Stacy, TB; Kevin Turner, FB; John Sullins, LB; Robert Stewart, NG; Tank Williamson, P; Danny Woodson, QB.

nation in scoring defense a year ago, but will be hard-pressed to duplicate that feat with the loss of All-SEC nose guard Robert Stewart and inside linebacker John Sullins. However, the Tide possesses perhaps the league's best secondary in George Teague, Antonio Langham, Sam Shade and Alex Jordan and the best set of ends around in Eric Curry and John Copeland. If you can't run on these guys, forget it.

Special Teams: Alabama led the nation in punt returns last season and should again with the return of returner extraordinaire David Palmer. The Tide struggled in other areas of the kicking game and will again with the loss of punter Tank Williamson.

Environment: The Crimson Tide is riding high once again, and team and fan morale couldn't be better. Rumor has it,

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. Sparky Woods, South Carolina

Expected to be competitive last season, the Gamecocks instead clucked their way to a 3-6-2 mark. Now they have the SEC to contend with, in addition to Clemson and East Carolina. Some pretty big chickens are saying Woods should've already flown the coup.

2. Billy Brewer, Ole Miss

Success was short-lived under the man they call Dog, and Rebel fans will treat him like one with another 5-6 season.

3. Bill Curry, Kentucky

Even in Bluegrass country, where basketball is king and football is, well, necessary, an 0-7 SEC mark is unacceptable. It's put up or shutup time.

though, the NCAA cops are sniffing around, and don't be surprised if they uncover something.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Its toughest non-conference opponent is Southern Mississippi, and it plays the Eagles in Birmingham. Louisiana Tech and Tulane aren't looking too tough. The Tide plays three critical SEC road games—at Tennessee (Oct. 17), at LSU (Nov. 7) and at Mississippi State (Nov. 14).

Outlook: An Alabama-Florida match in the SEC championship game is a distinct possibility

Bowl: yes.

2. MISSISSIPPI STATE

Offense: Eight seniors and four juniors make up State's offensive unit, and 10 of them started their last year. Sleepy Robinson, who led the Bulldogs in both passing and rushing last year, is back to

run the option-oriented attack, but Jackie Sherrill has imported former Vanderbilt head coach Watson Brown to throw in some new tricks. William Prince and Kenny Roberts, who combined for 868 yards and six touchdowns last year, return to the backfield. An experienced front line is anchored by All-SEC tackle John James.

Defense: Returning is No. 2 tackler Daniel Boyd, an inside linebacker, and a defensive line with ends Jerome Brown and Kevin Henry that may rival Alabama's. Outside linebacker Marc Woodard is among the league's best. The Bulldogs lost just one starter in the defensive backfield and are bolstered by the return of cornerback Edward Williams, who led the team with nine pass deflections. Junior college All-American Michael James enrolled last winter and will have mastered the system by this fall.

Special Teams: Senior Chris Gardner returns to handle the place-kicking duties, but the Bulldogs were still searching for a punter at the end of spring practice. Senior Tony James is on target to become the SEC's all-time kick return yardage leader and only the second SEC player in history to record 1,000 or more career yards in both punt and kickoff returns

MISSISSIPPI STATE

LOCATION: Starkville, MS
STADIUM: Scott Field (41,000)
COACH: Jackie Sherrill (112-49-4 overall/7-4 at Mississippi State)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 56
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—William "Sleepy" Robinson, QB, 6-0, 199, Sr.; William Prince, FB, 6-2, 220, Sr.; Kenny Roberts, TB, 6-3, 171, Sr.; Willie Harris, WR, 6-1, 197, Sr.; Olada Truitt, WR, 6-1, 189, Jr.; Curt Clanton, TE, 6-4, 244, Sr.; John James, T, 6-3, 294, Sr.; Bill Sartin, G, 6-2, 291, Jr.; Lee Ford, C, 6-0, 285, Sr.; Shea Bell, G, 6-1, 287, Jr.; Michael Montgomery, T, 6-2, 305, Jr.; Chris Gardner, PK, 6-1, 187, Sr.
Defense—Jerome Brown, DE, 6-5, 270, Sr.; Artye Gibson, NT, 6-2, 264, Jr.; Kevin Henry, DE, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Keith Joseph, OLB, 6-1, 236, Sr.; Daniel Boyd, LB, 6-0, 233, Sr.; Juan Long, LB, 6-2, 235, Jr.; Marc Woodard, OLB, 6-1, 235, Sr.; Edward Williams, CB, 5-10, 190, Jr.; Ronnie Pender, CB, 5-10, 182, So.; Frankie Luster, SS, 6-1, 195, Jr.; Kelvin Knight, FS, 6-1, 199, Jr.; Todd Jordan, P, 6-2, 223, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Sleepy Robinson, QB; John James, T; Tony James, WR/KR. Kevin Henry, DE; Daniel Boyd, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Rodney Hudson, QB. Kevin Bouie, RB, Michael James, CB; Lateef Travis, LB; Olada Truitt, WR.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Trenell Edwards, TE, Chris Hise, WR; Kenny Stewart, OT; Lance Aldridge, FS; Lee Lipscomb, CB; Mike Riley, P.



Jay Barker, Alabama
PHOTO: JOE PATRONITE/ALLSPORT

Environment: Jackie Sherrill has Starkville abuzz after producing State's first winning season (7-4) since 1986 and taking them to their first bowl (Liberty) since 1981 in his first year. In Year Two, Sherrill wants to take the Bulldogs to yet a higher level.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Bulldogs open with three straight road games—at Texas, LSU and Memphis State—then come home to play Florida and Auburn back-to-back. If they can get through that in good order, the rest of the schedule will be smooth sailing except for a critical home match vs. Alabama.

Outlook: The Bulldogs will probably be Alabama's chief competition for the SEC's Western Division title.

Bowl: yes.

3. AUBURN

Offense: This is a suspect area for the Tigers. Junior Stan White, after a disappointing sophomore campaign, will call the signals in Auburn's I-based offense for the third straight year. Tight end Fred Baxter

AUBURN

LOCATION: Auburn, AL
STADIUM: Jordan-Hare Stadium (85,214)
COACH: Pat Dye (148-57-4 overall/93-34-3 at Auburn)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43
PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Stan White, QB, 6-3, 200, Jr.; James Rostic, FB, 6-1, 212, Sr.; Alex Smith, TB, 5-11, 211, Sr.; Thomas Bailey, WR, 5-11, 195, Jr.; Fred Baxter, TE, 6-4, 240, Sr.; Chris Gray, T, 6-4, 271, Sr.; Anthony Redmon, G, 6-4, 276, Jr.; Greg Thompson, C, 6-3, 255, Jr.; Jason Taylor, G, 6-3, 290, Fr.; Tony Russell, WR, 6-3, 194, Sr.; Tony Amason, PK, 5-7, 150, Jr.
Defense—Ricky Sutton, DE, 6-3, 263, Sr.; Randy Hart, T, 6-5, 271, Jr.; Tim Gromartie, T, 6-2, 269, Sr.; Alonzo Ethendge, E, 6-4, 251, So.; James Willis, LB, 6-3, 231, Jr.; Mike Pelton, LB, 6-3, 235, So.; Karekin Cunningham, LB, 6-0, 220, Sr.; Fred Smith, CB, 5-9, 186, So.; Chris Shelling, CB, 5-10, 167, So.; Mike Pina, SS, 6-1, 194, Jr.; Clarence Morton, FS, 6-3, 177, Sr.; Terry George, P, 6-2, 185, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Stan White, QB; Greg Thompson, C; Thomas Bailey, WR; James Willis, LB; Fred Smith, CB; Ricky Sutton, DE.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Steve Davis, RB, Roymon Macclanton, RB; Andre Miller, LB; Jason Stoff, PK; Charles Rose, WR.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Victor Hall, TE, Bob Meeks, C; Darrel Crawford, LB; Reggie Barlow, OLB; Corey Barlow, CB; Jon Van Wyl, PK.

(28 catches in '91) returns as White's primary target, and WR Thomas Bailey has been impressive in spring drills. Alex Smith overtook leading rusher Joe Frazier (690) for starting tailback duties in the spring, but fullback Reid McMillon was lost for the year with a knee injury. The outside of the line is strong with the return of tackles Chris Gray and Wayne Gandy, but they lost both guards and the center.

Defense: Pat Dye promises a more aggressive, risk-taking defense out of his standard 4-3 set. The Tigers may need to blitz to help out a secondary that lost three starters. Returning, though, is sophomore CB Fred Smith, one of the league's best.

Four year starter Darrell Crawford is gone from the linebacking position, but junior James Willis is back to continue the strong tradition. Defensive end Ricky Sutton could be great if he plays to his potential.

Special Teams: The priority here is replacing Jim Von Wyl, the league's leading kicker last season. Sophomore Tony Amason will try. Punter Thery George is back, but his 36-yard average was among the worst in the league.

Environment: Extremely volatile. The NCAA is still around as a result of the Eric Ramsey controversy, and leadership was a question mark after Pat Dye stepped down as athletic director. The future depends on how the troops respond to adversity.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Four of the first five games are at home. The turning point will come at midseason with back-to-back road trips to Mississippi State and Florida. The season finale against Alabama could determine a bowl bid.

Outlook: After their first losing season in 10 years, the Tigers should rebound with a winning record in '92. A division title will evade them, however.

Bowl: yes, if the NCAA doesn't get them first.

4. LOUISIANA STATE

Offense: Ever since Tommy Hodson left LSU for the big leagues, the Tigers have searched for a quarterback to lead them back to greatness. It hasn't happened since their apparent Chad Loup has struggled some, and his backup Jesse Daigle failed to pick up the slack. Loup will get the start again this year, but in case it doesn't work out, the Tigers are prepared to go to redshirt freshman Ryan Huffman or true

freshman Jamie Howard. The rest of the offense is solid with nine returning starters. The entire offensive line is back, led by All-SEC selection Kevin Mawae. Last year's starting tailback Vincent Fuller was moved back to defense, the move made possible when the Tigers signed three of the nation's top high school running backs—Robert Davis of Birmingham, Alabama, Robert Toomer of Sylvester, Georgia, and Jay Johnson of Waco, Texas.

Defense: The Tigers didn't exactly stymie anybody with their 3-4 set last year, giving up 384.5 yards per game to finish ninth among 10 league teams in total defense. They'll rebuild with six returning starters led by inside linebacker Ricardo Washington, the team's leading returning tackler, and free safety Anthony Marshall. LSU looks strong on the outside where sack artists Corey White and Mike Hewitt are back, but weak on the inside. They also need to replace departed cornerbacks Corey Raymond and Wayne Williams, who helped make the Tigers one of the league's best pass-defending teams.

Special Teams: The Tigers have one of the SEC's best place-kickers in senior Pedro Suarez. The 5-9, 170-pounder, who led the Tigers in scoring last year (59 points) was second in the league with 13 field goals—making eight in a row at one point—and has a streak of 34 straight extra points without a miss. The question mark here is punter.

Environment: After three straight losing seasons the Tigers faithful are ready for their boys to turn it around. They've vowed to be patient with Curly Hallman, who has given them reasons for optimism.

Outlook: LSU isn't likely to challenge Alabama for the Western Division title, but it's likely to sneak up on some of its opponents. Look for the Tigers to clinch a winning season, but little else.

Bowl: no.

5. ARKANSAS

Offense: Head Coach Jack Crowe swears he'll run away from the antiquated

ARKANSAS

LOCATION: Fayetteville, AR.

STADIUM: Razorback Stadium (52,968)

COACH: Jack Crowe (14-29 overall/9-14 at Arkansas).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-6 (lost to Georgia in Independence Bowl, 24-16).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Jason Allen, QB, 6-1, 187, So.; Tony Jeffery, RB, 5-8, 204, Sr.; E.D. Jackson, RB, 5-10, 209, Sr.; Tracy Caldwell, FLK, 5-11, 167, Jr.; Ron Dickerson, SE, 6-1, 203, Sr.; Bryan Comish, T, 6-4, 288, So.; Ray Straszchinske, G, 6-4, 287, Jr.; Tommy Jones, C, 6-4, 273, Jr.; Isaac Davis, G, 6-3, 315, Jr.; Chris Oliver, T, 6-5, 274, Jr.; Kirk Botkin, TE, 6-3, 237, Jr.; Todd Wright, PK, 5-10, 173, Sr.

Defense—Ray Lee Johnson, RE, 6-3, 232, Sr.; Scott Long, T, 6-3, 267, Sr.; Owen Kelly, NG, 5-10, 247, Sr.; Henry Ford, LE, 6-3, 269, Jr.; Darwin Ireland, LB, 6-1, 226, Jr.; Tyrone Chatman, LB, 5-9, 220, Jr.; Kelly Yeager, LB, 5-11, 231, Jr.; Orlando Watters, CB, 5-11, 174, Jr.; Kerry Kennedy, CB, 5-8, 187, Jr.; Alfred Jackson, SS, 6-0, 191, Jr.; Gary Adams, FS, 6-0, 188, Sr.; Pete Raether, P, 6-4, 205, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jason Allen, QB; Trent Knapp, LB; Kevin Kempf, LB; Tommy Jones, C.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Tracy Cantor, DB; Trent Knapp, LB; Mike Cherry, QB; Barry Lunney Jr., QB; Jeff Savage, RB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mark Henry, C; Lyndy Lindsey, TE; Mick Thomas, LB; Ty Mason, LB; Michael James, LB; Curtis Banks, S.

wishbone option attack and brought in a new coordinator (Greg Davis) to prove it. He must first find a capable quarterback to run the show. Sophomore Jason Allen is the man they've wanted all along, but his progress was slowed with a season-ending knee injury in '91, which forced him to miss spring practice. Ron Dickerson and Tracy Caldwell are experienced receivers, and E.D. Jackson and Tony Jeffery are experienced runners. Tommy Jones is a new-comer at center. If the Hogs can get past the snap at center they should be all right.

Defense: Arkansas employs a 4-3 set that relies heavily on the middle linebacker. Unfortunately, that's where they lost leading tackler Mick Thomas. Junior Kelly Yeager appears to be the heir apparent. The Hogs front line appears strong with the return of ends Ray Lee Johnson and Henry Ford, tackle Scott Long and nose tackle Owen Kelly. Both outside linebackers, Darwin Ireland and Tyrone Chatman, return. Cornerback Orlando Watters is the only experienced player returning in the secondary.

Special Teams: Without question this will be a Razorback strength in '92. At place-kicker the Hogs return three-year letterman Todd Wright, their most accurate kicker in school history (43-of-54 FGs/76-of-80 PATs). Arkansas is trumpeting senior punter Pete Raether, who averaged 43.6 yards per punt last year, for All-Star honors this season. The Razorbacks also return their two top kick returners, Freddie Bradley (16 for 388, 24.3 ypr) and Ron Dickerson (five for 107, 21.4).

Environment: Jack Crowe's welcome in Arkansas is running out after compiling a two-year record of 9-14. The Razorback

LOUISIANA STATE

LOCATION: Baton Rouge, LA.

STADIUM: Tiger Stadium (80,140).

COACH: Curley Hallman (28-17 overall/5-6 at LSU).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-8.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 44.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Chad Loup, QB, 6-2, 207, Jr.; Germalne Williams, FB, 5-11, 218, Jr.; Odell Beckham, TB, 5-10, 193, Sr.; Wesley Jacob, WR, 6-0, 189, Sr.; Kevin Mawae, T, 6-4, 244, Jr.; Darron Landry, G, 6-3, 260, Sr.; Frank Godfrey, C, 6-4, 251, Sr.; Ronnie Sinnicht, G, 6-5, 285, Jr.; Bryan Madden, T, 6-3, 276, Jr.; Anthony Williams, TE, 6-2, 231, Sr.; Pedro Suarez, PK, 5-9, 176, Sr.

Defense—Clayton Mouton, T, 6-2, 264, Sr.; Bo Davis, NG, 6-1, 282, Sr.; John Morgan, T, 6-5, 270, Sr.; Corey White, OLB, 6-3, 238, Jr.; Ricardo Washington, ILB, 6-4, 210, Jr.; David Walkup, ILB, 6-1, 222, Sr.; Mike Hewitt, OLB, 6-3, 223, Jr.; Vincent Fuller, CB, 5-10, 178, Sr.; Ray Adams, CB, 6-0, 164, Sr.; Derril McCorvey, SS, 6-1, 194, Sr.; Anthony Marshall, FS, 6-2, 196, Jr.; Scott Hostein, P, 5-11, 222, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Chad Loup, QB; Odell Beckham, TB; Clayton Mouton, DT; Ricardo Washington, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Robert Davis, RB; Robert Toomer, RB; David LaFluer, TE.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Todd Kinchen, WR; Andy Martin, OT; Marc Boutte, DT; Scott Wharton, NG; Wayne Williams, CB; Corey Raymond, CB; Ryan Huffman, QB; Robert Thibodeaux, DT.



Doug Innocent, Mississippi

faithful will likely stay quiet during this transition year into the SEC.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Razorbacks will play two of their toughest games—against Alabama and Georgia—in their home state. They must go to Tennessee, Auburn and Mississippi State from Oct. 10 to Nov. 7. Overall, though, it works in their favor.

Outlook: The Hogs will wish they were back in the Southwest Conference

Bowl: no.

6. MISSISSIPPI

Offense: The Rebels will continue to work from their multiple I-formation, but they'll sport some fresh new looks under first year coordinator Larry Beckish. Gone will be the pure option look of the past replaced with a more straightforward attack relying on the work of a talented corps of running backs led by Marvin Courtney and Doug Innocent. Senior quarterback Russ Shows is back to run the show, and he'll be protected by a front line anchored by All-SEC tackle Everett Lindsey.

Defense: The Rebels will stay with a standard 50 defense and should be solid. Defensive linemen Artis Ford and Chad Brown are back as is leading tackler Gary Abide at inside linebacker. Look for transfer linebacker DeWayne Dotson to make a tremendous impact and strong safety Johnny Dixon to make some big hits. They're vulnerable to the long ball, however.

Special Teams: The Rebels look strong here. They have one of the league's best returning place-kickers in senior Brian Lee, who could threaten the school's career scoring record, and senior punter Richard



Everett Lindsey, Mississippi

Chisolm's 42.14-yard average was third in the league last year. Ole Miss will have to get better at covering punts, however, since it was last in the league in net punting in 1991.

Environment: Brewer is in the second year of a four-year contract, but the success of Mississippi State's Jackie Sherrill has the alumni squirming a bit. They won't expect much this year, but Brewer needs to get it going again soon.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Overall, the schedule appears to work in their favor. There are two difficult trips—to Georgia and to Alabama—at midseason. The Rebels finish up with games in the state, and most important for Brewer, will play Mississippi State in Oxford for the first time in 20 years.

Outlook: It could really go either way. If the Rebels can get to the final month somewhere around .500, they could easily have a winning season. A duplicate 5-6 season is just as easy.

Bowl: no.

ORDER OF FINISH EASTERN DIVISION

1. Florida

After the last two seasons (13-1 SEC) why shouldn't Steve Spurrier's Gators win another one?

2. Georgia

Could be 8-0 heading into the Florida game—where it has lost 83-20 the last two seasons.

3. Vanderbilt

Gerry DiNardo has brought the Commodores a long way in a short time, but they'll find the sailing rough through their schedule.

4. Tennessee

Heavy losses on offense and defense will be too much for even the Vols to overcome.

5. Kentucky

Almost everybody is back for Bill Curry's Wildcats. Then again, they finished 0-7 in the league last year.

6. South Carolina

The heat is on Sparky Woods to produce, and '92 won't be the year for that.

WESTERN DIVISION

1. Alabama

The worst 11-1 team in the country last year, Alabama has another soft schedule this year. What's more, it has the talent to win with a difficult schedule.

2. Mississippi State

Jackie Sherrill returns 19 of 24 starters from last year's bowl team and has the Bulldogs believing in themselves once again.

3. Auburn

Depending on how the Tigers respond to the post-Eric Ramsey era and the NCAA cops, they could finish higher.

4. LSU

Curley Hallman is getting it turned around for the Bayou Bengals, but they're still a year away.

5. Arkansas

The Hogs will be competitive, but will be overwhelmed by the SEC slate.

6. Mississippi

The success of Mississippi State's Jackie Sherrill has put pressure on Ole Miss coach Billy Brewer to come up with a winner. It could get worse before it gets better.

MISSISSIPPI

LOCATION: Oxford, MS

STADIUM: Vaught-Hemingway Stadium (42,577)

COACH: Billy Brewer (61-52-2 overall/29-33 at Ole Miss)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 52

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Russ Shows, QB, 6-4, 215, Sr.; Marvin Courtney, FB, 5-11, 197, Jr.; Doug Innocent, TB, 6-1, 205, So.; Eddie Small, SE, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Everett Lindsey, T, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Joel Jordan, G, 6-2, 240, Jr.; James Holcombe, C, 6-3, 287, Jr.; Wesley Melton, C, 6-5, 277, Jr.; Clint Conlee, T, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Thomas McLeish, TE, 6-1, 226, Sr.; Germaine Kohn, FL, 5-11, 170, So.; Brian Lee, PK, 5-9, 160, Sr.

Defense—Marquise Thomas, DE, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Chad Brown, LT, 6-7, 265, Sr.; Sean O'Malley, NG, 5-9, 255, Jr.; Artis Ford, RT, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Jack Muirhead, DE, 6-1, 230, Sr.; Gary Abide, LB, 6-0, 235, Sr.; DeWayne Dotson, LB, 6-1, 250, Jr.; Danny Boyd, CB, 6-1, 182, Sr.; Tony Collier, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr.; Johnny Dixon, SS, 6-0, 195, Jr.; Gera d Vaughn, FS, 6-3, 195, Sr.; Richard Chisolm, P, 6-0, 195, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Russ Shows, QB; Doug Innocent, TB.; Everett Lindsey, T; Gary Abide, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Corey Ph'lipot, RB.

DeWayne Dotson, LB; Marquise Thomas, DE

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Cliff Drew, OG, Vincent Brownlee, WR, Tyji Armstrong, TE; Phillip Kent, OLB; Pete Harris, ILB; Jeff Carter, FS; Chauncey Godwin, CB.

By Neal Farmer
Houston Chronicle

SOUTHWEST

start as few as five seniors on offense and defense combined. With a third nationally acclaimed

It's said youth is wasted on the young. The Texas A&M Aggies spat on that saying last year.

A&M had 68 sophomores, redshirt freshmen or true freshmen on its squad and yet went 10-1 during the regular season, including a perfect 8-0 record in the conference. This year's squad could

DIVISION 1-A

recruiting class this past February, the Aggies should be playing in many

January bowls for years to come.

Sophomore running back Greg Hill could be good enough to turn pro after this season. Junior free safety Patrick Bates could be the best athlete in the SWC, and sophomore defensive lineman Sam Adams proved to be as good as was thought when recruited from high school. The question is who'll quarterback the club.

Texas Tech blistered its competition in the second half of its season, winning five of its last six games after starting the year 1-4. Leading the Red Raider charge is quarterback Robert Hall, a former walk-on who could be the best signal-caller in the SWC. Look for a lot of offense out of Lubbock, as WR Lloyd Hill and FL Donald Marshall have excellent speed, and RB Byron Morris could run to glory.

The Texas Longhorns seemed to have problems picking up new coach John Mackovic's offense in spring training. Remember, however, over the past five years no one has recruited more overall quality players in the SWC than Texas. Peter Gardere should start the year at QB, and tailback sports quality depth, featuring Butch Hadnot, Phil Brown, Adrian Walker, Juan Kemp and Rodrick Walker. The defense should be solid, built around the speed of DBs Lance Gunn, Grady Cavness and Willie Mack Garza.

Rice is on the rebound. RB Trevor Cobb is 1,450



Ryan McCoy, Houston

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Peter Gardere, Texas

PHOTO: JOE PATRONITE/ALLSPORT



Anthony Curl, Texas

PHOTO: JOHN WILLAMSON

yards away from being the SWC's all-time leading rusher and won last year's Doak Walker Award as the best running back in the country. Rice has been horrible on defense for more than two decades. With nine starters returning, the Owls should have their first winning season in 29 years.

Baylor has serious questions on the offensive line, where the Bears are hurting for experience. The offensive backfield could be one of the best in the nation, but could spend some time on the injured list if the OL doesn't develop.

On the positive side, the defensive secondary should be as strong as it always is at BU.

Houston had some serious questions on defense last year that weren't answered, and the offensive line suffered from injuries. Even with the loss of David

Klingler to graduation, the Cougars will be well oiled on offense. The defense will have to prove itself for the Cougars to prance back to the Cotton Bowl.

TCU will have a new coaching staff and new offense. The Frogs have some of the best receivers in the country, and the new offensive schemes include more two-back sets and diverse rushing plays than last year. The defensive front four and offensive line need reinforcements.

SMU hasn't won an SWC game in the three years the Mustangs have been back from the NCAA death penalty. This is a senior-laden squad—34—and it has come close on several occasions to an SWC win. Unfortunately, last year's starting QB Mike Romo probably ended his career with a knee injury. There's a pall over the Hilltop in Dallas.

1. TEXAS A&M

Offense: The Aggies are installing a prototype passing offense, but with the questions at QB and a bevy of able RBs will they return to a running game during the season? A&M has only one QB on campus who has seen playing time, senior Kent Petty. Redshirt freshmen Tommy Preston and Matt Miller left spring practice as interchangeable No. 1 and No. 2 QBs. True freshman Corey Pulfing could have a say in the QB situation when he enters school in the fall. Tackle Dexter Wesley, guard John Elisor and center Chris Dausin have come on strong and should make several All-SWC teams—especially if RB Greg Hill has his normal spectacular season.

Defense: Look for A&M to be christened the new Linebacker U. Who's going to replace NFL No. 2-pick Quentin Coryatt? Look for junior Jason Atkinson and senior Marcus Buckley (who led the SWC last year in sacks with 13) to run roughshod over opponents' running backs and inside receivers. Nine starters return on defense. Other leaders should be sophomore DE Sam Adams, junior SS Patrick Bates, senior CB Derrick Frazier.

Special Teams: A strength. PK Terry Venetoulas and backup PK Keith Wauquespack were both HS All-Americans: David Davis will start at punter, but backup P Sean Terry was a high school All-American.

Environment: The Aggies are sky high after breezing through the SWC 8-0 last year. Despite a 10-2 loss to Florida State in the Cotton Bowl, A&M backers say that performance in Dallas proved the team's on a Top 5 level nationally.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The first two games of the season will dictate what the Aggies will do. They kick off the year at the Disneyland Pigskin Classic against Bill Walsh and the veteran-laden Stanford Cardinal. Ten days later, the Aggies go to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and LSU is always tough at home. If they're 2-0, expect national championship implications.

Outlook: Look for Aggies to pick Cotton



Robert Strait, Baylor

PHOTO: JAMES D. SMITH



Greg Hill, Texas A&M

TEXAS A&M

LOCATION: College Station, TX.

STADIUM: Kyle Field (72,387)

COACH: R.C. Slocum (27-9-1 overall/27-9-1 in three years at A&M).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-2 (lost to Florida State in Cotton Bowl, 10-2).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Greg Schorp, TE, 6-3, 230, Jr.; Todd Matheson, RT, 6-4, 279, So.; John Ellison, RG, 6-4, 275, Sr.; Chris Dausin, C, 6-4, 264, Jr.; Tyler Harrison, LG, 6-4, 265, Jr.; Dexter Wesley, LT, 6-4, 275, Jr.; Tommy Preston, QB, 6-4, 190, Fr. or Matt Miller, QB, 6-0, 195, Fr.; Doug Carter, FB, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Greg Hill, TB, 5-11, 195, So.; Tony Harrison, WR, 5-10, 170, Jr.; Ryan Mathews, WR, 5-11, 195, So.

Defense—Sam Adams, LE, 6-4, 282, So.; Eric England, NG, 6-3, 264, Jr.; Lance Teichman, RE, 6-4, 280, Jr.; Marcus Buckley, OLB, 6-4, 230, Sr.; Jason Atkinson, ILB, 6-3, 234, Jr.; Reggie Graham, ILB, 6-2, 234, So.; Otis Nealy, OLB, 6-1, 221, Sr.; Derrick Frazier, RCB, 6-0, 175, Sr.; Junior White, LCB, 6-1, 163, So.; Patrick Bates, FS, 6-4, 225, Jr.; Hurricane Hendricks, SS, 6-0, 185, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Greg Hill, RB; Rodney Thomas, RB; Doug Carter, RB; Patrick Bates, S.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Leland McElroy, RB; Corey Pulig, QB; Danny McCray, WR; Sherrod Wyatt, DB; Matt Miller, QB; Tommy Preston, QB; Rick Daniel, WR.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Quentin Coryatt, LB; Kevin Smith, CB; Bucky Richardson, QB; Chris Crooms, DB.

again this year, and if they have some luck against the non-conference foes, a national championship isn't out of the question.

Bowl: yes.

2. TEXAS TECH

Offense: Six starters return, including hard-throwing QB Robert Hall, leading rusher Byron Morris and speedster WR Lloyd Hill. The Raiders' second-place finish was their best in SWC action in 15 years. Despite a 6-5 record Tech averaged 28.6 points last year. Hall was the second-rated QB in the SWC, behind only Houston's David Klingler. Another plus is the offensive line, which has lost only one starter in each of the last two years.

Defense: Traditionally a weak link in the Tech chain, the defense should be shored up with eight returning starters. Look for three-year starter SS Tracy Saul to become the SWC's career interception leader, if teams are so bold as to throw his way. CB Donny Brooks returned a fumble 99 yards for a TD against Baylor last year and is capable of big plays. Tech coaches think DE Shawn Jackson is the best they've had at that position. Coaches say there'll be no locks on defense, but don't look for many changes from last year's defensive philosophy.

Special Teams: The kicking game is suspect. There's no one proven to replace Rodney Blackshear, who gave the team an extra lift when he returned kicks.

Environment: With 14 starters returning from last year, there are high hopes on the High Plains. Tech must avoid stumbling early so fans won't say, "Here we go again."

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. Private schools

Watch the ratings from the SEC's divisional playoff game, and see why Texas and Texas A&M want to join a super conference. If the private schools don't put people in the seats during SWC games for big pay days, look for Texas to bolt to the Big Ten and A&M and possibly Houston go to the SEC.

2. Peter Gardere

He has started at QB for three years, but true freshman Shea Morenz could break the string.

3. The UH quarterback

Whoever he is, he'll always hear comparisons to David Klingler/Andre Ware.

TEXAS TECH

LOCATION: Lubbock, TX.

STADIUM: Jones Stadium (60,500).

COACH: Spike Dykes (119-65-2 overall/30-26-1 in five years at Tech)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 31.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

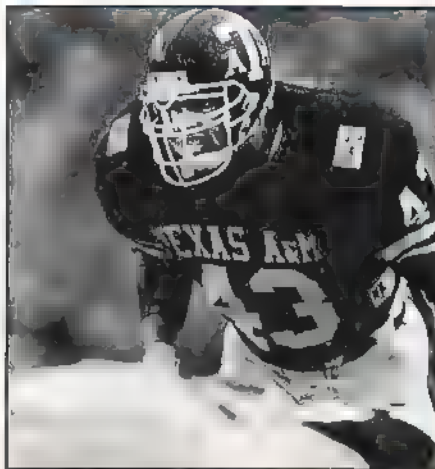
Offense—Lloyd Hill, SE, 6-2, 180, Jr.; Mike Hunnicutt, FL, 5-9, 170, Jr.; Scott Aylor, TE, 6-4, 235, So.; Stacey Petrich, LT, 6-2, 274, Jr.; Bingo Mancillas, LG, 6-2, 264, Jr.; Scott Fitzgerald, C, 6-1, 260, So.; Stance Labaj, RG, 6-4, 274, Sr.; Charlie Biggers, RT, 6-4, 282, Sr.; Robert Hall, QB, 6-0, 170, Jr.; Byron Morris, RB, 6-1, 235, So.; Bruce Hill, FB, 6-1, 211, Jr.

Defense—Harry Dyas, LE, 6-5, 256, Sr.; Steve Hoffman, NT, 6-2, 262, Sr.; Shawn Jackson, RE, 6-3, 251, Jr.; Mike Lisco, OLB, 6-1, 230, Sr.; Steve Carr, MLB, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Quincy White, JLB, 6-0, 228, Sr.; Ben Kirkpatrick, ROLB, 5-11, 228, Sr.; Anthony Wiley, LCB, 5-11, 177, Jr.; Donny Brooks, RCB, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Dewayne Bryant, SS, 6-0, 200, Jr.; Tracy Saul, FS, 6-0, 180, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Lloyd Hill, SE; Robert Hall, QB; Tracy Saul, FS; Byron Morris, RB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Derrick Johnson, LB; Darrell Mitchell, WR; Larry Starr, RB; Swayne Bryant, SS; Andre Session, RB; Jamie Gibbs, RB; Shawn Banks, LB; Shawn Hurd, CB; Ed Hendrix, OT.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Rodney Blackshear, WR; Anthony Stinnett, FL; Anthony Lynn, FB; Mark Bounds, P; Matt Wingo, LB.



Jason Atkinson, Texas A&M

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Red Raiders start the season at home with Oklahoma. Look for Tech to continue the momentum they had last year and beat OU. However, Tech doesn't have the depth of A&M and will need to stay healthy in early SWC games against Baylor and A&M.

Outlook: Fans are coming back to Jones Stadium, and the football team has improved every year in the five seasons Spike Dykes has been there.

Bowl: yes.

3. TEXAS

Offense: The word out of spring training in Austin was the Longhorns were having trouble learning new coach John Mackovic's offense. Pulling the trigger should be senior three-year starter QB Peter Gardere. He isn't known as a passing QB, but a signal-caller who somehow gets the job done. It will be

TEXAS

LOCATION: Austin, TX

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (77,809).

COACH: John Mackovic (44-35-2 overall/first year at Texas)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 46.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Jason Burleson, TE, 6-5, 240, Sr.; Alan Luther, LT, 6-4, 282, Sr.; Sam Adams, LG, 6-7, 295, Sr.; Turk McDonald, C, 6-4, 274, Sr.; Jeff Boyd, RG, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Troy Riemer, RT, 6-6, 273, Jr.; Derrick Duke, WR, 6-2, 205, Sr.; Kenny Neal, FL, 6-3, 198, Jr.; Peter Gardere, QB, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Phil Brown, RB, 5-11, 196, Jr.; Rodrick Walker, RB, 5-10, 191, So.

Defense—Norman Watkins, LE, 6-2, 220, So.; Todd Hunt, LT, 6-3, 282, Sr.; James Lane, RT, 6-3, 278, Jr.; Bo Robinson, RE, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Anthony Curl, WLB, 6-3, 205, Sr.; Winfred Tubbs, MLB, 6-5, 240, Jr.; Robert Reed, SLB, 6-2, 220, RS Fr.; Joey Ellis, LCB, 5-9, 170, So.; Grady Cavness, RCB, 5-10, 195, Sr.; Lance Gunn, SS, 6-3, 215, Sr.; Willie Mack Garza, FS, 5-9, 175, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Peter Gardere, QB; Lance Gunn, SS; Grady Cavness, CB; Anthony Curl, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Shea Morenz, QB; Lovell Pickney, WR; Mike Adams, WR; Dan Neil, OL; Blake Brockmeyer, OL; Tim Cram, OL; Trent Elliott, OL; John Elmore, OL; Dominic Bustamante, DL; Shane Rink, DL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Shane Dronett, DL; James Patton, DL; Tommy Jeter, DL; Mark Berry, CB.

interesting to see if true freshman Shea Morenz—the nation's No. 1 rated high school QB recruit—can unseat Gardere or if Morenz redshirts so he can learn the offense and be a four-year starter. Most of the core of the offense returns, including all of last year's RBs and WRs.

Defense: Coordinator Leon Fuller remains at UT and likely will use the same schemes as last year. Only DE Bo Robinson returns from last year's fearsome foursome front line, which some considered the best in the nation. Look for LB Anthony Curl, CB Grady Cavness and safeties Lance Gunn and Willie Mack Garza to be on somebody's postseason All-SWC squad. Curl and Gunn were consensus All-SWC last year and helped the Longhorns to a No. 1 national ranking in pass efficiency defense. The defense was rated third in the nation (behind Texas A&M) last year allowing 258.9 yards a game.

Special Teams: PK Jason Ziegler returns, as do Craig Dickey and Jason Post, but poor kicking lost UT games last year, so look for improvement to be made here if UT is to survive in the SWC. Kelly McClanahan should be strong at punter.

Environment: There was an air of uncertainty in Austin, because some wanted to keep former coach David McWilliams, and some were glad to see him go. However, after former UT player and Dallas Cowboy coach Tom Landry recommended Mackovic, both sides united to give him a chance.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Many a Longhorn can hardly wait until Sept. 5 and the Mississippi State game in Austin, as UT dropped a game there last year to old nemesis Jackie Sherrill. The Sept. 12 Syracuse game in New York should tell a lot about where the squad is going.

Outlook: Texas has the talent to win eight games this year, with only Syracuse and Texas A&M as probable losses. If the Longhorns respond well to Mackovic, this could be a very good team by next season.

Bowl: yes.



Head Coach R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M
PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON



Head Coach John Mackovic, Texas
PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

4. RICE

Offense: QBs Bert Emanuel and Josh LaRocca are in the most-heated battle since Republicans and Democrats invented mud. RB-extraordinaire Trevor Cobb has a legitimate shot at the Heisman Trophy. Cobb won the Doak Walker Award last year, emblematic of the best RB in the country, after rushing for a Rice-record 1,692 yards and scoring 14 TDs. Helping the QBs and Cobb will be tackle Billy Baldwin—at 325 the heaviest Owl ever—and guard Mike Appelbaum.

Defense: Although defense is traditionally a weak point at Rice, Coach Fred Goldsmith is a former defensive coordinator who took the bad defense personally. It'll help that he has nine starters returning. LB Alonzo Williams will be a four-year starter, and the line has three starters returning in Matt Sign, Shawn Alberding and Charles Gulbranson. Three starters return in the backfield, with FS Nathan Bennett and CBs Clifford Jackson and Sean Washington.

Special Teams: Sophomore Darrell Richardson is entrenched as the place-kicker, but he also is a top pitcher and could be lost to the Major Leagues after the 1992 season.

Environment: A handful of professors want Rice to drop football to protect academic integrity at the school, but the board of governors firmly avowed Rice will have a football team. The football team should have a special desire to prove they're not an academic albatross to the school.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Air Force will be tough as a first game, but the Owls should breeze through the rest of their non-SWC games—Duke, Sam Houston State and Navy. Rice gets Texas and Texas A&M in the middle of the season and might finally pull an upset of one of them this year.

Outlook: For years people have said next year would be the one for Rice. But with seven games in Houston this year—

RICE

LOCATION: Houston, TX

STADIUM: Rice Stadium (70,000)

COACH: Fred Goldsmith (13-28-1 overall/11-21-1 in three seasons at Rice)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Louis Balady, SE, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Chris Cooley, LT, 6-5, 265, Fr.; Mike Appelbaum, LG, 6-2, 260, Sr.; Bill Goins, C, 6-3, 250, So.; Kenneth Pinkston, RG, 6-2, 285, Sr.; Billy Baldwin, RT, 6-4, 325, Sr.; Kolls Crier, TE, 6-1, 230, Jr. or Bobby Gray, TE, 6-4, 246, So.; Greg LaRocca, QB, 6-1, 180, So. or Bert Emanuel, QB, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Trevor Cobb, TB, 5-9, 190, Sr.; Jimmy Lee, WB, 5-9, 165, So.; Ed Howard, WR, 6-4, 195, So.

Defense—Shawn Alberding, DE, 6-4, 280 Sr.; Matt Sign, NG, 5-10, 220, Sr.; Charles Gulbranson, DT, 6-1, 250, Jr.; Deric Rutherford, DE, 6-2, 220, So.; Emmet Waldron, MLB, 6-2, 220, So.; Joey Wheeler, SLB, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Alonzo Williams, OLB, 6-11, Sr.; Sean Washington, LCB, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Jarret Palmiere, SS, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Nathan Bennett, FS, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Clifford Jackson, RCB, 5-8, 180, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Trevor Cobb, RB, Greg LaRocca, QB, Bert Emanuel, QB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Bert Emanuel, QB, Bobby Gray, TE; Chris Cooley, OL; Sean Colvin, DL; Derris Wilmington, WR, Emerson Allen, RB; Sean Clarady, DE.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Eric Henley, WB; Tony Barker, LB, David Griffin, SS; Trey Teichelman, OL.

including the last four—look for this to be Rice's first winning season since 1963.

Bowl: yes.

5. BAYLOR

Offense: Baylor went to a veer last year, with only better-than-average results. QB J.J. Joe, FB Robert Stratt and TB David Mims all return from last year, so expect the offensive backfield to be the strong part of the team. Clarence McCullough, a highly recruited redshirt freshman, will vie for playing time at tailback. WR Melvin Bonner is one of the better receivers in the SWC, but there isn't much depth behind him.

Defense: The Bears lost eight starters, including all four linemen and two of three linebackers. Baylor always has had a tough defense—especially in the backfield—but it should be a rebuilding year on this side of the ball. Albert Fontenot, Matthew Pearson and Lamone Alexander will play at the DE positions, but it'll be tough to replace Santana Dotson and Robin Jones. Le'Shai Maston should be one of the SWC's better LBs.

Special Teams: Ray Chilton and former scout teamer Trey Weir are competing for the place-kicking job, and neither has on-site experience. New return men have to be discovered and trained.

Environment: Coach Grant Teaff was promoted to athletic director and given one last year to coach. He's the X-factor for the Bears: Will they win one for the Old Bear on his farewell tour, or will they fold and wait to see who the new coach will be?

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Baylor plays Texas Tech Sept. 26, and the loser of that game traditionally does poorly in the conference chase. Baylor also has Colorado and Georgia Tech—as part of a

BAYLOR**LOCATION:** Waco, TX**STADIUM:** Floyd Casey Stadium (48,500)**COACH:** Grant Teaff (163-146-8 overall/121-100-6 in 20 years at Baylor)**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 8-4 (lost to Indiana in Copper Bowl, 24-0)**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 24**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

Offense—Mike McKenzie, TE, 6-3, 229, Jr.; Wil. Davidson, LT, 6-4, 275, So.; Mike Oatis, LG, 6-4, 262, So.; Chuck Pope, C, 6-1, 267, Jr.; Ricky Heard, RG, 6-3, 275, RS Fr.; Len Pawelek, RT, 6-5, 270, So.; Reggie Miller, SE, 5-9, 160, Sr.; J.J. Joe, QB, 5-11, 178, Jr.; Robert Strait, FB, 6-1, 245, Jr.; David Mills, TB, 5-9, 176, Sr.; Melvin Bonner, XB, 6-3, 196, Sr.

Defense—Albert Fontenot, LE, 6-5, 245, Sr.; Tracy Miller, LT, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Steve Strahan, RT, 6-2, 294, So.; Lamone Alexander, RE, 6-3, 210, Jr.; Robbie Burleson, SLB, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Lee Bruderer, MLB, 6-1, 224, Sr.; Le'Shai Maston, WLB, 6-1, 205, Sr.; Fred Robertson, LCB, 5-10, 190, Sr.; Michael McFarland, SS, 5-10, 196, Sr.; Keith Caldwell, FS, 5-11, 173, Sr.; Andrew Swasey, RCB, 6-0, 190, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: J.J. Joe, QB, Robert Strait, FB, Michael McFarland, SS; Keith Caldwell, FS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Charles Horton, DL; Brandel Jackson, RB, LaCurtis Jones, LB

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Santana Dotson, DL; Jeff Ireland, PK; Robin Jones, DE; John Turnpugh, OL.

seven-game home schedule—and could score big wins for the SWC

Outlook: The Bears were well-stocked last year, but were a disappointing 8-4. Unless a lot of young talent flowers early, expect the Bears to wilt this year worse than 8-4.

Bowl: no.

6. HOUSTON

Offense: The run 'n' shoot still remains one of the top yard-chewing offenses in college football. What isn't certain is who will pull the trigger at UH—Donald Douglas,



Trevor Cobb, Rice

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ALL-SWC

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Robert Hall, Texas Tech; RB Trevor Cobb, Rice; RB Greg Hill, Texas A&M; WR Freddie Gilbert, Houston; WR Lloyd Hill, Texas Tech; TE Jason Burleson, Texas; OT Dexter Wesley, Texas A&M; OT Charlie Biggurs, Texas Tech; OG John Ellisor, Texas A&M; OG Mike Appelbaum, Rice; C Chris Dausin, Texas A&M; PK Terry Venetoulis, Texas A&M; KR Wilbert Biggens, Texas A&M.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Albert Fontenot, Baylor; DE Sam Adams, Texas A&M; DT Matt Sign, Rice; DT Eric England, Texas A&M; LB Jason Atkinson, Texas A&M; LB Marcus Buckley, Texas A&M; LB Eric Blount, Houston; CB Grady Cavness, Texas; CB Derrick Frazier, Texas A&M; S Patrick Bates, Texas A&M; S Tracy Saul, Texas Tech; P David Davis, Texas A&M.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Leon Clay, TCU; RB Robert Strait, Baylor; RB Byron Morris, Texas Tech; WR Keith Jack, Houston; WR Stephen Shipley, TCU; TE Mike Noack, TCU; OT Darrell Clapp, Houston; OT Billy Baldwin, Rice; OG Stance Labaj, Texas Tech; OG Jeff Boyd, Texas; C Turk McDonald, Texas; PK Darrell Richardson, Rice; KR Michael Artmore, SMU.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Bo Robinson, Texas; DE Shawn Jackson, Texas Tech; DT Steve Strahan, Baylor; DT Tunji Bolden, TCU; LB Ryan McCoy, Houston; LB Anthony Curl, Texas; LB Bill Kiely, SMU; CB Anthony Hickman, TCU; CB John W. Brown, Houston; S Nathan Bennett, Rice; S Willie Mack Garza, Texas; P Kelly McClanahan, Texas.

Jimmy Klingler, Kyle Allen or Chandler Evans. Superback—the lone back in the run 'n' shoot—isn't a problem since both TiAndre Sanders and Tommy Guy return. The offensive line cost David Klingler a chance at the Heisman last year, but should be greatly improved since only Mike Gisler graduated. WR Freddie Gilbert led the nation last year in receptions, and sev-

eral top recruits should make WR a strong position.

Defense: Every LB who started last year is back, and that includes three-year starter Eric Blount, Ryan McCoy and Nigel Ventress. The DL should be anchored by Sam Faata and Linton Weatherspoon. Ten lettermen return in the secondary, including seven players who started at least one game each because of a rash of injuries to DBs.

Special Teams: PK Roman Anderson, college football's best scorer is gone. Those will be big Converses to fill, but walk-ons Chris Maraviglia and Trace Craft will try. Walk-on Greg Thornburgh should be the punter.

Environment: The Coogs had an all-out riot against teammates after one game last year. Hopefully the chuckleheads have graduated or matured.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: With Illinois and Michigan early, UH will have to avoid injuries to make a run at the SWC title.

Outlook: UH has led the country in passing yardage for three-straight years. Unless the defense jells, UH games will continue to last almost four hours with a combined 50-80 points in each game—usually with UH on the short end.

Bowl: no.

7. TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Offense: When healthy, Leon Clay is one of the better run-pass quarterbacks around. Clay has excellent receivers to throw to in Stephen Shipley, Richard Woodley and Kyle McPherson, but can the line protect him and prevent another serious injury? Running backs Curtis Modkins, Derrick Cullors and Stu Dickens could benefit if defenses gear up to stop the pass.

Defense: The defense returns nine starters, but from a team that allowed 353 yards and 24.3 points a game. Look for DE Tunji Bolden to lead, with support from LB

HOUSTON**LOCATION:** Houston, TX**STADIUM:** Astrodome (60,000)**COACH:** John Jenkins (14-8 overall)**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 48**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

Offense—Keith Jack, OR, 6-0, 180, Jr.; Fred Gilbert, IR, 5-9, 175, Sr.; John Morris, LT, 6-5, 285, Sr.; Jeff Tait, LG, 6-4, 295, Sr.; Kevin Bleier, C, 6-2, 275, Sr.; Jason Youngblood, RG, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Darrell Clapp, RT, 6-6, 305, Jr.; Tracy Good, IR, 5-6, 170, Sr.; Daniel Adams, WR, 6-2, 185, So.; Donald Douglas, QB, 6-3, 205, Jr.; Jimmy Klingler, QB, 6-4, 210, So.; TiAndre Sanders, SB, 6-0, 215, Jr.; or Tommy Guy, SB, 5-10, 210, Jr.

Defense—Allen Aldridge, RE, 6-2, 240, Jr.; Linton Weatherspoon, RT, 6-1, 255, So.; or Stephen Dixon, RT, 6-0, 260, Jr.; Steve Clarke, LT, 6-5, 265, Sr.; or Sam Faata, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Kevin LaBay, LE, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Eric Blount, SLB, 6-1, 230, Sr.; Ryan McCoy, MLB, 6-3, 240, Jr.; Nigel Ventress, WLB, 6-1, 235, Sr.; John W. Brown, RCB, 6-11, 185, Jr.; Steve Harris, LCB, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Tyrone Davis, SS, 6-1, 210, Sr.; Kevin Baliste, FS, 6-2, 182, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Donald Douglas, QB; Fred Gilbert, WR; Ryan McCoy, LB; Eric Blount, LB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Chuck Clements, QB; Eric Anderson, WR; Otis Grant, DL; Kyle Allen, QB; Delthio Bell, LB; Keith Jack, WR; Shadrack Patrick, DL; Lamar Smith, SB; Percy Gault, SB

KEY PLAYERS LOST: David Klingler, QB; Verlon Brown, WR; Mike Gisler, OT

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

LOCATION: Fort Worth, TX.

STADIUM: Amon Carter Stadium (46,000).

COACH: Pat Sullivan (first year as head coach)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 49.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Mike Noack, TE, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Mike Black, LT, 6-5, 256, Sr.; David Dredlove, LG, 6-3, 268, Sr.; Jody Morse, C, 6-3, 278, Sr.; Boyd Milby, RG, 6-3, 275, So.; Barrett Robbins, RT, 6-4, 295, So.; Stephen Shipley, WR, 6-5, 220, Sr. or Richard Woodley, WR, 5-9, 178, Jr.; Leon Clay, QB, 6-1, 216, Sr.; Curtis Modkins, RB, 5-9, 185, Sr.; Michael Jackson, BB, 5-10, 195, Jr. Kyle McPherson, SB, 5-10, 176, Jr.

Defense—Tunji Bolden, DE, 6-2, 245, Sr.; Thomas Lewis, NT, 6-1, 285, Sr.; Royal West, DT, 6-3, 273, So.; Vincent Pryor, DE, 6-2, 220, So.; Mike Moulton, SLB, 6-2, 220, So.; Brad Smith, MLB, 6-3, 240, Sr.; William Dickerson, WLB, 5-11, 235, So.; Anthony Hickman, CB, 5-8, 178, Sr.; Steve Reed, CB, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Greg Evans, SS, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Tony Rand, FS, 5-11, 178, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Leon Clay, QB; Stephen Shipley, WR; Richard Woodley, WR; Kyle McPherson, SB; Brad Smith, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Jeff Godley, RB; Bret Hankins, OL; Tyrone Roy, LB; Max Knacke, QB; Clifford Barnes, DL; Adam Wright, P.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Roosevelt Collins, DE; Kelly Blackwell, TE; Matt Vogler, QB; Tim Schade, QB; John Marsh, OL.

Brad Smith and DB Anthony Hickman. Vincent Pryor and Mike Moulton will try to take the place of departed DL Roosevelt Collins, who was All-SWC. The secondary will be bolstered by Hickman (who led the Frogs last year with four interceptions), Tony Rand and Greg Evans.

Special Teams: New coach Pat Sullivan said special teams would be a priority.

Environment: There are 17 starters returning from a 7-4 team. The Horned Frogs could be the dark horse of the SWC, but look for them to stumble while learning about their new coaches and a new system.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: A cakewalk in the first four games with New Mexico, Western Michigan, SMU and Oklahoma State, but look for some injuries to come out of a trip to Miami.

Outlook: As always, TCU ends its season with Texas, Texas Tech and Texas A&M. Consecutive losses in November likely will cost the Frogs a bowl.

Bowl: no

8. SMU

Offense: Todd Ritz likely will start for this run 'n' shoot offense. The Mustangs should have experience and depth at WR. Jason Wolff could break some school receiving records and could be named All-SWC. SB Rongea Hill made some All-SWC teams last year, but the Mustangs averaged only 71.3 ground yards last year. One reason was the OL was so bad Mustang quarterbacks were sacked 57 times, reducing SMU's total offensive numbers.

Defense: The defense returns three of the top four returning tacklers in the SWC, but that's misleading. The porous defense made the LBs or DBs make a lot of tackles. DL Chad Patton had a good season last year and will be the leader on the DL. The defense should improve this year, but it has



Fred Gilbert, Houston

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

a long way to go.

Special Teams: A bright spot for SMU, as Michael Artmore and Corey Beard are SWC leaders in kick returns. That's because they get a lot of practice after the defense allows TDs.

Environment: SMU officials are looking into the viability of staying in Division I-A. Scholarships are about \$17,500 for room, board and tuition—for one person per year, and without people in the stands the budget deficit will continue to grow. That could be distracting—or give SMU something around which to rally.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: With

ORDER OF FINISH

1. Texas A&M

A no-brainer, as A&M's superior depth will make the Aggies a national contender for years to come.

2. Texas Tech

Perhaps the best team in America not to go to a bowl at the end of last year, and the Raiders should build on that momentum this year.

3. Texas

The Orangebloods are extremely happy with Mackovic, and UT is loaded with talent. Still, it may take two years to learn Mackovic's complicated offense.

4. Rice

With the offensive prowess of RB Trevor Cobb the new-look Owls will have their first winning season since 1963—and a minor bowl.

5. Baylor

After losing eight starters on defense and five on offense, it will be a rebuilding year for the Baptists.

6. Houston

There's no proven QB for the high-powered run 'n' shoot offense, and the defense is inconsistent.

7. TCU

A new coach, but an old story—the Horned Frogs are rebuilding.

8. SMU

The NCAA's death penalty has left SMU a gridiron cripple. Either the NCAA needs to give the Mustangs a special dispensation for more scholarships, or SMU has to drop to Division I-AA.

SMU

LOCATION: Dallas, TX.

STADIUM: Ownby Stadium (23,783).

COACH: Tom Rossley (1-10 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-10.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 55.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—John DeVoss, WR, 6-0, 175, Sr.; Jason Wolf, RB, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Kyle Carroll, LT, 6-4, 275, Sr.; Troy Cowan, LG, 6-8, 306, Sr.; Matt Wisenbaker, C, 6-2, 280, Sr.; Joe Wells, RG, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Robby Risko, RT, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Mick Rossley, IR, 5-11, 175, So.; Erwin Wilburn, WR, 5-11, 160, So.; Todd Ritz, QB, 6-2, 200, Jr. or Calvin Burdick, QB, 6-4, 205, So.; Rongea Hill, SB, 5-10, 185, Sr.

Defense—Byron Bonds, LE, 6-4, 285, Jr.; Bruce Van Derven, NT, 6-3, 285, Sr.; Chad Patton, RE, 6-2, 235, Jr.; Mike Henderson, OLB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; B.J. Stankovich, OLB, 6-4, 215, Jr.; Bill Kiely, ILB, 6-0, 240, Sr.; Jason Bednarz, ILB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Marcello Simmons, CB, 6-1, 175, Sr.; Richie Butler, CB, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Michael Artmore, SS, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Cary Brabham, FS, 6-1, 200, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jason

Wolf, RB; Cary Brabham, FS; Bill Kiely, LB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Chacory Demart, WR;

Darrel Amen, DE; Cagen Morgan, LB; Jason

Hunt, OT

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mike Romo, QB (knee injury); Oscar Rozales, OT

Tulane, North Texas and New Mexico, SMU stands a chance to be 3-0. But each SWC team has improved, so it will be tough for the Mustangs to break their drought of conference wins.

Outlook: This is it for SMU. This is the first time the Mustangs have had four classes of players since the death penalty, but if SMU doesn't win this year, that could be a problem come recruiting season.

Bowl: no

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WESTERN ATHLETIC

role in determining how well their clubs do this season.

•Utah and Texas-El Paso, longtime

It will be hard to follow the Western Athletic Conference without a program this season. There will be many changes in the league and the possibility of a new champion after a three-year stranglehold by Brigham Young University:

- Last year's cover star, BYU All-American quarterback Ty Detmer, has finished his NCAA record-breaking campaign. His replacement will have big shoes to fill.

- This year's cover star, San Diego State running back Marshall Faulk, was hardly mentioned in any preseason publications a year ago, but the first-team All American will get plenty of ink this season.

- Fresno State joins the league after dominating the Big West Conference in recent years. However, many teams in the WAC have played Coach Jim Sweeney's club in recent years, and they know all too well that the Bulldogs, who are 40-39-5 all-time against WAC teams, will be an immediate threat in the league.

- New quarterbacks at Air Force, Fresno State, Colorado State, Wyoming and BYU will play a big

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doormats in the league, are making strong improvements on defense and with consistency on offense could surprise.

- The league's Holiday Bowl, which remains outside the major bowl alliance, signed an agreement with the Big Ten Conference last season, which means the third-place team from that league will be going to San Diego to face the WAC titlist at the end of the season.

However, some things will remain the same in the league this year. Air Force shouldn't slip a notch and will once again win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy and challenge BYU and San Diego State for the WAC crown. The Aztecs and the Cougars meet in an important early showdown Sept. 10 in Provo in a Thursday-night ESPN contest.

But Utah, UTEP and Fresno State will be waiting in the wings and could challenge if any of the top three happen to stumble. Hawaii, Wyoming, Colorado State and New Mexico have too many difficulties to pose much of a threat this season.

1. SAN DIEGO STATE

Offense: The Aztecs have the offense every coach dreams of: a great passing game combined with a great running attack. Marshall Faulk, a first-team All-American, caught the football world off guard. As a freshman the running back rushed for 1,429 yards (158.8 yards per game) while San Diego State had a school record 2,476 yards on the ground. Wayne Pittman also had a solid season with 606 yards on the ground in a reserve role. Meanwhile, Dave Lowery pulls the trigger on the passing game after gaining 2,575 yards for 19 touchdowns last season. Lowery's favorite target this season will be Darnay Scott, who had 35 receptions for 727 yards last year. Keith Williams and Larry Maxey also bring back considerable experience at receiver.

Defense: If some of the young talent that was thrown into the fire comes through, the Holiday Bowl will be a certainty for Coach Al Luginbill. Last year the Aztecs were forced to use a lot of young players in the secondary. The group, which showed moments of brilliance—but which was also burned a few times last season—will be led by All-WAC free safety Damon Pieri and veteran cornerback Gary Taylor. Sophomore Eric Sutton will play at the other cornerback spot with Chris Johnson back at strong safety. The unit knows how to face top passing teams after encounters last year against Miami, Florida; BYU and UCLA. Cousins George and Sebastian Glaze return to the defensive line for the Aztecs, while Terrill Sterns is the lone returnee at linebacker.

Special Teams: Andy Trakas returns as place-kicker after rebounding from a slow start last season when he missed six of 17 extra points. Jason Savorn returns at punter for his third season.

Environment: Coach Al Luginbill has installed a winning attitude in San Diego. Back-to-back bowl appearances would solidify that attitude.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: This year will be a test for the Aztecs. They face four bowl teams: BYU, Air Force, Fresno State and UCLA along with a season opening match against Southern Cal. Sept 5, in San Diego; Sept. 10, San Diego State at BYU; Oct. 24, Air Force at San Diego State; Nov. 21, Fresno State at San Diego State.

SAN DIEGO STATE

LOCATION: San Diego, CA.

STADIUM: Jack Murphy Stadium (61,000)

COACH: Al Luginbill (20-14-2 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-4-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 38.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Dave Lowery, QB, 6-0, 200, Jr.; Marshall Faulk, RB, 5-10, 180, So.; Darnay Scott, WR, 6-3, 185, So.; Larry Maxey, HB, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Keith Williams, WR, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Mark Ziegler, TE, 6-3, 135, So.; Carlson Leomiti, OG, 6-3, 340, Jr.; Joe Heinz, OG, 6-3, 290, Sr.; Mike Alexander, C, 6-3, 260, So.; Chris Rodenhoffer, OT, 6-5, 265, Jr.; Tony Nichols, OT, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Andy Trakas, PK, 5-8, 185, Sr.

Defense—Sebastian Glaze, NT, 6-1, 255, Jr.; George Glaze, DE, 6-4, 240, Jr.; Terrill Sterns, DE, 6-3, 240, Jr.; Terrill Sterns, LB, 6-2, 215, Jr.; Mark Roberts, LB, 6-1, 215, So.; Chad Provencal, LB, 5-11, 205, So.; Shawn Smith, LB, 6-2, 225, So.; Robert Griffith, DB, 5-11, 200, Sr.; Damon Pieri, DB, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Gary Taylor, DB, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Eric Sutton, DB, 5-10, 170, So.; Jason Savorn, P, 6-1, 200, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Marshall Faulk, RB; Dave Lowery, QB; Damon Pieri, DB.
TOP NEWCOMERS: Willie Johnson, DB; Shawn Smith, LB

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Patrick Rowe, WR, Eric Duncan, DE, Lou Foster, LB.

Outlook: If everything comes together, the Aztecs will have their second WAC title.
Bowl: yes.

2. BRIGHAM YOUNG

Offense: University of Texas transfer Steve Clements appears to be the likely candidate to take over for QB Detmer. The Cougars may also keep the ball on the ground a little more this season, led by sophomore running back Jamal Willis, who ran for 539 yards last season and grabbed another 209 yards receiving. BYU's receivers will be the strength of the offense, with All-WAC tight end Byron Rex returning along with Eric Drage and Micah Matsuzaki at wideout. Center Garry Pay and offensive tackle Eli Herring return, while Scott Brumfield and others will bring considerable bulk to the line.

Defense: BYU's defensive front should be one of the best in the league this season, led by junior nose guard Lenny Gomes, along with Greg Pitts and Randy Brock at the tackle spots of the Cougars' 3-4 alignment. Derwin Gray, the only full-time starter, will be counted on to quarterback the pass defense. Patrick Mitchell, a part-time starter last season, will also be a factor. Three of the four linebackers will be new this season. BYU struggled when defending against the pass last season, surrendering 3,295 yards to opposing quarterbacks. The young secondary will have to come through, and the linebackers will have to mature in a hurry for the Cougars to succeed this season.

Special Teams: A potential problem area for the Cougars. Edwards signed Dave Lauder of Ricks College, who'll battle for the punting job with a number of other players.

Environment: Solid as usual. BYU should be able to maintain at least an

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. Steve Clements, BYU quarterback

After transferring from Texas, he hopes to carry on in the tradition of another Texan, Ty Detmer.

2. Colorado State coach Earle Bruce

Can he regain the 1990 magic that slipped away last season?

3. Hawaii Coach Bob Wagner

The Rainbows hope to regain their defensive prowess after struggling last season.

BRIGHAM YOUNG

LOCATION: Provo, UT

STADIUM: Cougar Stadium (65,000).

COACH: LaVell Edwards (183-62-3 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-3-2 (tied Iowa in the Holiday Bowl, 13-13)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 41.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Steve Clements, QB, 6-2, 190, So.; Jamal Willis, HB, 6-3, 205, So.; Mark Atuaia, FB, 5-11, 205, So.; Micah Matsuzaki, WR, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Eric Drage, WR, 6-1, 185, Jr.; Byron Rex, TE, 6-2, 230, Sr.; Mike Empey, OG, 6-6, 280, Jr.; Evan Pilgrim, OG, 6-5, 260, So.; Garry Pay, C, 6-5, 265, Sr.; Eli Herring, OT, 6-8, 310, Jr.; Scott Brumfield, OT, 6-8, 320, Sr.; David Lauder, PK, 6-0, 195, Jr.

Defense—Randy Brock, DT, 6-6, 250, So.; Greg Pitts, DT, 6-4, 265, So.; Lenny Gomes, NG, 6-2, 260, Jr.; Nathan Hall, LB, 6-4, 235, Jr.; Brian Hughes, LB, 6-3, 228, Jr.; Todd Herget, LB, 6-3, 220, Jr.; Shad Hansen, LB, 6-2, 245, Sr.; Patrick Mitchell, LB, 6-0, 160, So.; Derwin Gray, DB, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Casey Mazzotta, DB, 6-0, 195, Jr.; James Harvey, DB, 5-9, 185, So.; Joe Lemick, P, 5-11, 190, Jr.

MAKE-IT OR BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jamal Willis, RB, John Walsh, QB, Derwin Gray, DB

TOP NEWCOMERS: Dave Lauder, PK, Nathan Hall, LB, Casey Mazzotta, DB

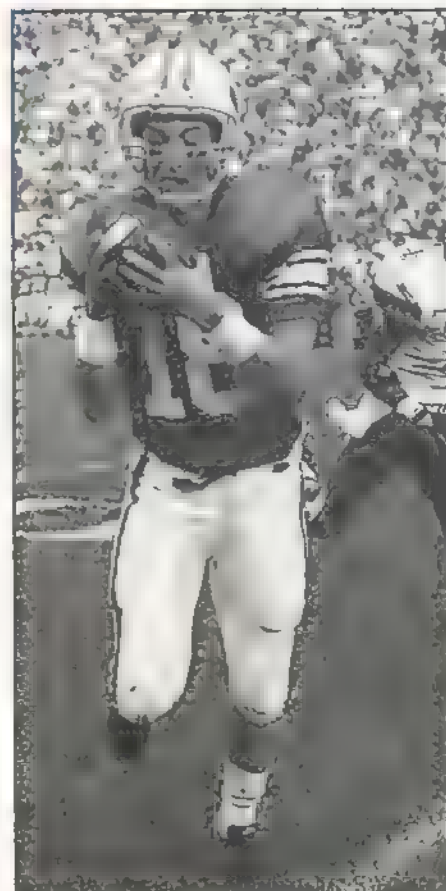
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Ty Detmer, QB; Rocky Biegel, LB, Earl Kauffman, PK/P

the defense will have to carry the Cadets early in the season.

Defense: Coach Fisher DeBerry points to cornerback Carlton McDonald, the WAC defensive player of the year, and linebacker Vergil Simpson as the cornerstones of the unit. McDonald had six interceptions last year, while Simpson notched 12 quarterback sacks. Chris James and Tony Cates anchor both defensive tackle positions, while Chris Baker and Matt Newby both started games at nose guard last season and will battle for the job this year.

Special Teams: The Falcons will have to replace place kicker Joe Wood, but there's a strong tradition of special teams play at the academy. Chris MacInnes is the leading candidate to handle both the punting and place-kicking chores. McDonald also has a propensity for coming up with blocked kicks at crucial moments.

Environment: There's a feeling of "we belong" at the military academy. The Falcons have won two straight Liberty



Eric Drage, BYU

AIR FORCE

LOCATION: Colorado Springs, CO.

STADIUM: Falcon Stadium (51,153)

COACH: Fisher DeBerry (65-33-1 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-3 (beat

Mississippi State in the Liberty Bowl, 38-15).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 56.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Jarvis Baker, QB, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Wayne Young, HB, 6-0, 205, Jr.; Obasi Onuoha, HB, 5-10, 167, Jr.; Chris Gray, FB, 5-11, 195, Sr.; Clarence Hopkins, WR, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Peter Wilkie, TE, 6-3, 225, Sr.; Jim Remsey, OG, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Rob Nelson, OG, 6-3, 236, Sr.; Adam Thomas, C, 6-1, 235, Jr.; Chad Mathis, OT, 6-5, 230, Jr.; Tony Meyer, OT, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Chris MacInnes, P/PK, 5-11, 182, Jr.

Defense—Chris James, DT, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Tony Cates, DT, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Matt Newby, NG, 6-3, 230, Jr.; Marcus Adair, OLB, 6-3, 205, So.; Vergil Simpson, OLB, 6-1, 210, Sr.; Mark Moody, ILB, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Grant Johnson, ILB, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Carlton McDonald, CB, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Alex Armour, CB, 6-3, 197, Sr.; Eldrick Hill, S, 6-3, 181, Sr.; Mike Rodgers, S, 5-9, 187, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jarvis Baker, QB, Carlton McDonald, CB; Chris Gray, FB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Not announced until freshmen enter school this fall.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Rob Perez, QB; Jason Jones, FB; Sharon Yates, S.

Bowls with convincing victories over Ohio State and Mississippi State after the bowl honchos took a lot of heat for signing a contract with Air Force, Army and Navy. But the Falcons would love to replace a Liberty Bowl appearance for a trip to San Diego in December.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Seven of the Falcons' 11 games will be at home, and the non-league schedule isn't as difficult this season since Notre Dame is no longer on the schedule. Oct. 10, Navy at Air Force; Oct. 24, Air Force at San Diego State; Nov. 14, BYU at Air Force.

Outlook: The beat goes on for Air Force's football success. They should at least earn another berth in the Liberty Bowl and will make a run for the WAC title and the Holiday Bowl—if the Falcons can find a way to beat BYU.

Bowl: yes.

4. UTAH

Offense: Eleven starters return for the Utes on offense. The backfield returns intact with Frank Dolce at quarterback and Keith Williams and Steve Abrams at running back. Dolce's deep threat will be All-WAC receiver Bryan Rowley. The offensive line also is back as a unit, with guards Tom McNitt and Roy Ma'afala, tackles Mike DeHoog and Russ Dailey, and center Mark Barton.

Defense: The Utes had the top defense in the WAC last season, allowing 371.6 yards per game. Having the country's 59th best defense doesn't sound like much, but consider two things: The WAC features three of the top 20 offensive teams, and just a few years ago the Utes ranked near the bottom in total defense. Seven starters return for Utah, led by two second-team all-WAC players, free safety Reggie Alston and defensive tackle Dave Chaytors.

Special Teams: Utah returns its place-

eight-win campaign.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: This year's schedule features a tough road game at Notre Dame and home games against Penn State and UCLA outside of the WAC. Sept. 5, BYU at UTEP (opening on the road against a league opponent is never easy). Sept. 10, San Diego State at BYU; Oct. 24, BYU at Notre Dame; Nov. 14, BYU at Air Force.

Outlook: The Cougars have some holes to fill on offense and defense. The talent is there—as it always is—but San Diego State appears to be just a smidgen better. That could change with a BYU win Sept. 10.

Bowl: yes.

3. AIR FORCE

Offense: Skill positions won't be a problem for the Falcons wishbone offense. Obasi Onuoha and Wayne Young return at halfback, while tight end Peter Wilkie and wide receiver Clarence Hopkins give the Falcons some targets to throw to when—and if—they take to the air. After backing up Rob Perez and seeing limited action last year, Jarvis Baker will get the quarterback reins this season. But the entire offensive line from a year ago is gone. It may take time for the offense to come together, so

ALL-WAC

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Dave Lowery, San Diego State; RB Marshall Faulk, San Diego State; RB Keith Williams, Utah; WR Greg Primus, Colorado State; WR Bryan Rowley, Utah; TE Byron Rex, Brigham Young; OT Mike DeHoog, Utah; OT Tony Nichols, San Diego State; OG Ron Collins, Fresno State; OG Rick Canales, Texas-El Paso; C Garry Pay, Brigham Young; K Jason Elam, Hawaii; KR Brad Clark, Brigham Young.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: DL Zack Rix, Fresno State; DL Lenny Gomes, Brigham Young; DL Kurt Whitehead, Wyoming; DL Maa Tanuvasa, Hawaii; LB Vergil Simpson, Air Force; LB Barron Wortham, Texas-El Paso; LB Shad Hansen, Brigham Young; DB Derwin Gray, Brigham Young; DB Reggie Alston, Utah; DB Carlton McDonald, Air Force; DB Bryan Addison, Hawaii; P Ed Bunn, Texas-El Paso.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Steve Clements, Brigham Young; RB Wayne Young, Air Force; RB Ron Rivers, Fresno State; WR Carl Winston, New Mexico; WR Eric Drage, Brigham Young; TE Marty Thompson, Fresno State; OT Eli Herring, Brigham Young; OT Jason Basso, Colorado State; OG Tom McNitt, Utah; OG Jarrod Heidmann, Wyoming; C Jason James, Fresno State; K Derek Mahoney, Fresno State; KR Damay Scott, San Diego State.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Earl Oliver, Fresno State; DE Kevin Lynch, Colorado State; DT Tony Cates, Air Force; DT Randy Brock, Brigham Young; LB Junior Tagoai, Hawaii; LB Cory Talich, Wyoming; LB Otis Hamilton, Colorado State; DB Paul Wallace, Wyoming; DB Sylvester Mabry, Colorado State; DB Bobby Sylvia, New Mexico; DB Sharrieff Shah, Utah; P Jason Savorns, San Diego State.

kicker Chris Yergensen and punter Chris Young, who averaged 40.3 yards per kick last season.

Environment: The Utes are beginning to think the Cougars aren't the only collegiate team that can win on the gridiron in the state of Utah.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Utes face Oregon State and Nebraska in non-league games, while the WAC schedule gets tougher as the season goes along.

UTAH

LOCATION: Salt Lake City, UT.

STADIUM: Rice Stadium (35,000).

COACH: Ron McBride (11-12 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-5.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 51.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Frank Dolce, QB, 6-1, 203, Sr.; Keith Williams, RB, 5-8, 180, Jr.; Steve Abrams, RB, 6-0, 206, Sr.; Bryan Rowley, WR, 5-10, 174, Sr.; Sean Williams, WR, 5-9, 185, Sr.; Scott Murry, TE, 6-4, 210, Sr.; Russ Dailey, OT, 6-5, 267, Sr.; Mike DeHoog, OT, 6-5, 287, Sr.; Mark Barton, C, 6-3, 287, Jr.; Roy Ma'afala, OG, 6-0, 207, Sr.; Tom McNitt, OG, 6-3, 262, Sr.; Chris Yorgensen, PK, 6-1, 156, Jr.

Defense—Dave Chaytors, DT, 6-2, 253, Sr.; Blaine Berger, DT, 6-5, 265, Jr.; Anthony Hall, DE, 6-3, 267, Sr.; Mark Walejko, DE, 6-4, 242, Sr.; Pita Tonga, LB, 5-10, 217, Sr.; Keoni Maniguis, LB, 5-10, 214, Sr.; Preston Christensen, LB, 6-1, 216, Sr.; Sharrieff Shah, DB, 5-11, 189, Jr.; Reggie Alston, DB, 6-2, 215, Sr.; Mark Swanson, DB, 5-10, 181, Jr.; Derrick Odum, DB, 5-11, 170, Sr.; Chris Young, P, 6-3, 195, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Frank Dolce, QB, Bryan Rowley, QB, Dave Chaytors, DT.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Mike McCoy, QB; Ken Buss, LB; Tim Todd, offensive line.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Anthony Davis, LB; Keith Embry, DE.

They finish against San Diego State and rival BYU. Sept. 5, Utah at Nebraska; Nov. 14, Utah at San Diego State; Nov. 28, BYU at Utah.

Outlook: Coach Ron McBride's program began to pay dividends last season, and with some consistency the Utes may take the next step toward a conference championship.

Bowl: no.

5. FRESNO STATE

Offense: The Bulldogs led the NCAA in offense last season with a balanced pro-set. They scored 44.2 points per game and racked up 541.9 yards per outing. This year's unit will be led by sophomore quarterback Trent Dilfer, who was forced into a starting role when Mark Barsotti broke his leg last season. Dilfer will have veterans Ron Rivers and Lorenzo Neal in the backfield. Three veterans—center Jason James, guard Ron Collins and Jesse Hardwick—return to the line along with tight end Marty Thompson. Wide receivers are a question mark for the Bulldogs this season, but Michael Ross, Malcolm Seabron and Tydus Winans should provide plenty of quickness in that area. It will be hard for the Bulldogs to equal last year's slate, but they'll fit right in with the pass-happy WAC teams.

Defense: Fresno State faces a major rebuilding effort for its multiple defense this season because only two starters return. The unit will be anchored around returning All-Big West nose guard Zack Rix, who had seven sacks last season and 11 quarterback hurries. Earl Oliver also returns at right end. Brad Bell and Wendell Valentine should also start on the defensive line, while redshirt freshman Steve Casner is scheduled to start at linebacker along with Chris Peters and rover back Chris Williams. An inexperienced secondary of Brian

FRESNO STATE

LOCATION: Fresno, CA.

STADIUM: Bulldog Stadium (40,000).

COACH: Jim Sweeney (115-43-2 overall/172-122-3 at Fresno State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-2 (lost to Bowling Green in California Raisin Bowl, 28-21).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Trent Dilfer, QB, 6-5, 225, So.; Lorenzo Neal, FB, 6-0, 225, Sr.; Ron Rivers, TB, 5-9, 190, Jr.; Tydus Winans, WR, 5-11, Jr.; Michael Ross, WR, 6-1, 180, Jr.; Marty Thompson, TE, 6-4, 240, Sr.; Ron Collins, OG, 6-5, 290, Jr.; Jesse Ferguson, OG, 6-3, 280, Sr.; Jason James, C, 6-5, 300, So.; Kenny Hall, OT, 6-5, 295, Jr.; Jesse Hardwick, OT, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Derek Mahoney, PK, 5-11, 170, Jr.

Defense—Wendell Valentine, DE, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Earl Oliver, DE, 6-1, 255, Sr.; Brad Bell, DT, 6-3, 240, Jr.; Zack Rix, DT, 6-2, 270, Sr.; Steve Casner, LB, 6-3, 230, Fr.; Chris Peters, LB, 6-1, 220, Jr.; Chris Williams, RB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Brian Porter, CB, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Sam Watson, S, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Armin Youngblood, S, 5-11, 195, So.; James Burton, CB, 5-9, 180, Jr.; Damon Martin, P, 5-10, 180, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Trent Dilfer, QB; Zack Rix, DT; Lorenzo Neal, FB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Greg Elliott, RB, Brian Roberson, WR; Johnny Johnson, DB.

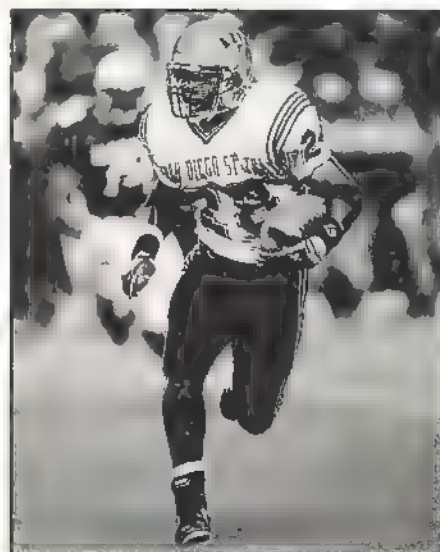
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Mark Barsotti, QB; Marquez Pope, S; Melvin Johnson, OG.

Porter, Sam Watson, Armin Youngblood and James Burton will be tested early and often this season.

Special Teams: The Bulldogs have experience at kicking with Derek Mahoney. He has hit 110 of 111 PATs and 21 of 33 field goals in two seasons at Fresno State. Malcolm Seabron should be the Bulldogs' leading return threat this season. He returned 42 punts last season for FSU with one taken 64 yards for a touchdown.

Environment: Coach Jim Sweeney has established a winning tradition, and that should continue without too much slippage in the WAC. The Bulldogs are rarely beaten in Bulldog Stadium, which is usually full of vocal supporters. Last year the Bulldogs set a school record for attendance, averaging 34,039 a game.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The



Marshall Faulk, San Diego State

Bulldogs have winnable non-league games at Pacific and Oregon State and home contests against Louisiana Tech and Washington State, but they must play UTEP, BYU and San Diego State on the road in WAC play.

Outlook: The Bulldogs are strong enough to finish in the WAC's upper division, but there are too many questions on defense for a run at the title this season.

Bowl: no.

6. TEXAS-EL PASO

Offense: If the Miners can get their run 'n' shoot to fire consistently on all cylinders, they may make a run at the title. Quarterback Mike Perez returns to lead the offense after passing for 1,927 yards. Reserve Shawn Gray also got time last season in all 12 games. David "Bo" Miles and Rafik Thorossian are the top two candidates at fullback. Among the slots and receivers, Kenny Brown, Ivory Durio and Kevin Bogan are the top returnees for an offense that hopes to rise from the bottom of the league in total offense at 357.2 yards per game. Meanwhile, Donovan Anderson and Rick Conales are the only returnees to the offensive line.

Defense: This appears to be the Miners' strength this season. Eight starters return to a unit that ranked second in the WAC last season and first in pass defense. Ricky Massey and Joel Barzack both bring experience to the line for UTEP, while George Loman and Anwar Abor also saw considerable time. All four returning line backers, led by All-WAC Barron Wortham, form the heart of the unit that also includes Pete Shufelt, Pookie Floyd and Pat Cannon. The secondary appears to be talented. Fred Patterson and Anthony Hooks return to the two safety positions. Shawn Walker and Dwight Conley appear to be the top candidates for the corners. If the



David Lowery, San Diego State

unit can repeat its success from last season, the Miners will continue to improve their position in the WAC.

Special Teams: Second-team All-WAC punter Ed Bunn returns for the Miners and has shortened his steps and quickened his approach. Jason Gillespie returns at place-kicking, but Coach David Lee hopes he can improve his consistency.

Environment: The Miners know they're no longer a doormat and have a competitive program that isn't likely to slide.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Miners have two non-league games against Big West teams and the advantage of getting BYU and Air Force at home. A .500 season is within reach. Sept. 5, Brigham Young at Texas-El Paso; Oct. 3, Air Force at Texas-El Paso; Nov. 28, Fresno State at Texas-El Paso.

Outlook: The Miners will continue to improve. A bowl bid or a WAC title may take yet another year of development, but progress will be made.

Bowl: no.

7. WYOMING

Offense: The Cowboys lost 13 lettermen on offense from last season, including six starters. Second-year coach Joe Tiller must first find a replacement for quarterback Tom Corontzos, who was second team All-WAC last season. Sophomore John Gustin, redshirt freshman Scott Jones and junior-college transfer Joe Hughes will battle for the job, but Gustin is the early favorite. Ryan Yarborough, who caught a school-record 13 TDs last season, is the top returning receiver for Tiller. Brent Tillman and tight end Matt Swenson will also work the Cowboys' pass offense. With Dwight Driver back after missing last season, the Cowboys appear to be well-stocked at running back with Terrance Hendricks, who started in place of Driver, Ryan Christopherson and Derek Baker. Tiller plans to rework the offensive line, but he returns some experience in Cody Kelly, Joe

WYOMING

LOCATION: Laramie, WY.

STADIUM: War Memorial Stadium (33,500).

COACH: Joe Tiller (4-6-1 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-6-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—John Gustin, QB, 6-6, 220, So.; Derek Baker, FB, 6-1, 200, Jr.; Dwight Driver, HB, 5-11, 210, Sr.; Brent Tillman, WR, 6-0, 175, So.; Ryan Yarborough, WR, 6-2, 190, Jr.; Matt Swenson, TE, 6-6, 230, Jr.; Cody Kelly, OG, 6-5, 290, Jr.; Jarrod Heldmann, OG, 6-4, 260, Jr.; Greg Scanlan, C, 6-3, 260, Jr.; Kirk Van Roekel, OT, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Joe Wahlgren, OT, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Bobby Williams, PK, 5-9, 175, Fr.

Defense—Kurt Whitehead, DE, 6-3, 255, Jr.; John Burrough, DE, 6-5, 250, So.; Thomas Williams, DT, 6-4, 290, Jr.; Dorell Drake, DT, 6-3, 260, Sr.; Chad Cohoon, LB, 6-4, 215, Sr.; Cory Talich, LB, 6-3, 200, Jr.; Tom Kramer, LB, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Prentice Rhone, CB, 5-8, 180, Jr.; Paul Wallace, CB, 6-1, 205, Sr.; Brian Bowker, S, 6-1, 196, Jr.; Junior Marcellus, S, 5-10, 205, Sr.; Mike Loch, P, 5-10, 188, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Dwight Driver, HB; Paul Wallace, CB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Joe Hughes, QB; Prentice Rhone, CB; John Burrough, DE.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tom Corontzos, QB; Sean Fleming, PK; Doug Rigby, DE; Robert Rivers, WR.

Wahlgren, Scot Kofron and Kirk Van Roekel.

Defense: After a year of being plagued by injuries, Tiller's face lights up when he talks about this year's experienced group. The strength may be at linebacker, where Cory Talich, Tom Kramer and Chad Cohoon return along with Jared Thiele from injury. With the return of Paul Wallace at corner and Junior Marcellus and Brian Bowker at safeties, the Cowboys also have strength in the secondary. Prentice Rhone is the top candidate for the other corner spot. Experience is also the word for the defensive line. Tackles Thomas Williams and Dorell Drake both return, as does left end Kurt Whitehead. John Burrough will probably replace Doug Rigby at right end.

Special Teams: The loss of All-WAC return specialist Robert Rivers and place-kicker and punter Sean Fleming will hurt Wyoming this season. Tiller has brought in a couple of new kickers to try for Fleming's job.

Environment: Many fans in Laramie still remember the Paul Roach years and hope for the same magic from Tiller. Last year's injury-plagued season was a disappointment, and Cowboys faithful won't stay patient for long.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Cowboys have the luxury of playing Air Force, Nevada and San Diego State at home this season, but they still face tough road trips to Fresno State, Hawaii, Louisville and Texas Tech. Sept. 19, Air Force at Wyoming; Oct. 17, BYU at Wyoming; Nov. 17, San Diego State at Wyoming.

Outlook: The Cowboys should improve on last year's record and with some breaks could finish in the league's top half.

Bowl: no.

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TEXAS-EL PASO

LOCATION: El Paso, TX.

STADIUM: Sun Bowl (52,000).

COACH: David Lee (9-25-1 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Mike Perez, QB, 6-0, 155, Jr.; David Miles, FB, 5-9, 213, Sr.; Ivory Durio, SB, 5-8, 185, Jr.; Kenny Brown, SB, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Chris Brasfield, SE, 6-1, 180, So.; Derrick Brown, SE, 6-0, 171, Jr.; Rick Canales, OT, 6-2, 291, Sr.; Chad Newton, OT, 6-2, 310, Jr.; Danny Baker, C, 6-2, 245, So.; Donovan Anderson, OG, 6-4, 289, So.; Mark Gollmer, OG, 6-1, 241, Jr.; Jason Gillespie, PK, 5-9, 181, Sr.

Defense—Ricky Massey, DT, 6-2, 265, Sr.; George Loman, DT, 6-4, 236, Jr.; Joel Barzack, NG, 6-1, 256, Jr.; Pat Cannon, LB, 6-0, 203, Sr.; Pete Shufelt, LB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Barron Wortham, LB, 5-11, 235, Jr.; Gonzalo Floyd, LB, 6-3, 219, Jr.; Fred Patterson, DB, 6-2, 179, Sr.; Shawn Walker, DB, 5-7, 157, Jr.; Anthony Hooks, DB, 5-10, 168, Jr.; Tod Carter, DB, 5-9, 181, So.; Ed Bunn, P, 6-3, 195, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Mike Perez, QB; Barron Wortham, LB; David Miles, FB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Chad Newton, OT; Marshall Young, PK; Quentin Burns, DT.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Rob Sesich, C; Ansel Littlejohn, SE; O.T. Thomas, CB.

INDEPENDENTS

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DIVISION I-A

Like the last of the dinosaurs the independents of the college football world are becoming fewer and fewer as the years roll by.

Florida State (Atlantic Coast Conference) and Miami of Florida, (Big East) have found new homes, and 1992 marks Penn State's final season as an independent before it begins Big Ten play in 1993.

Once that happens, it will leave Notre Dame and "the rest" in the eyes of most college football fans.

While the remaining independents may not be household names or annual national title contenders as the aforementioned four teams, many have solid football traditions that will continue to make noise in the years to come.

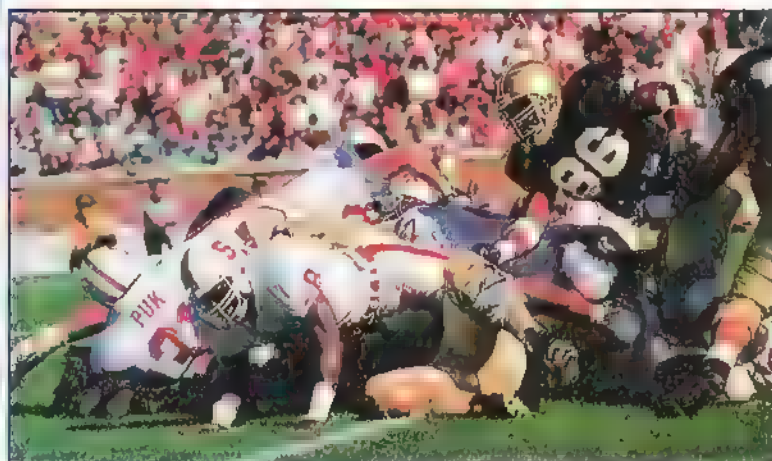
Tulsa came off the Plains to win the Freedom Bowl last year, and though the Golden Hurricane lost quarterback T.J. Rubely and running back Chris Hughley, Coach Dave Rader's crew will be a force again this season.

Louisiana Tech missed a 1991 bowl bid because it didn't have the required number of victories against Division I-A opponents. That won't be a problem for the Bulldogs this season, as Coach Joe Raymond Peace looks for his second postseason berth in the last three years.

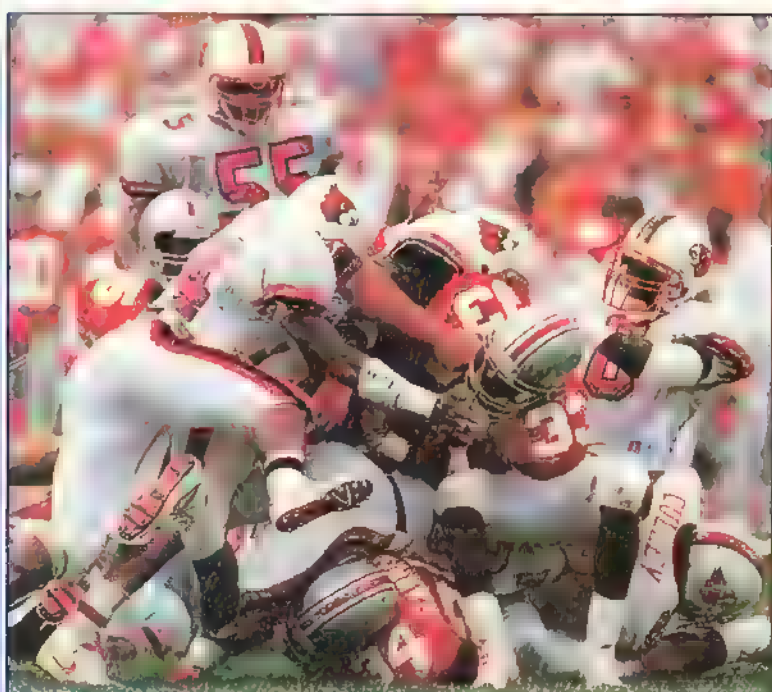
East Carolina will have a new coach (Steve Logan), a new quarterback (Sean McConnell) and a new challenge: trying to meet the standards set by 1991's 11-1 squad that finished the season ranking ninth in the country. The Pirates will be hard-pressed to do so, but a winning season is within range.

Southern Mississippi lost 35 seniors from a 4-7 team, including elusive tailback Tony Smith and 10 of 11 defensive starters. If the young Golden Eagles can mature quickly, however, they have a chance to improve on last year's 4-7 mark.

Cincinnati was delighted with its 4-7 finish last season after the Bearcats' 1-10 season in 1990. UC has reason to hope this year as Coach Tim Murphy may have turned the corner in reviving the Bearcats' long-dormant program.



Irish and Cardinal tangle
PHOTO: BRIAN SPURLOCK



Louisville Cardinals battle Buckeyes
PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN



Joe Paterno and the Penn State Nittany Lions
PHOTO: SPORTS PICTURE NETWORK

INDEPENDENTS

1. NOTRE DAME

Offense: In a word, potent. The Irish piled up more total yardage (5,467 yards) and scored more points (426) than any team in school history, and Coach Lou Holtz welcomes back the one-two punch of Jerome Bettis and Rick Mirer, which means the Irish will be able to throw and run the ball in Holtz' diverse offense. Bettis, who may be the best fullback in the country, rumbled for 20 TDs and 972 yards last year. Holtz had reason to smile with record-setting quarterback Rick Mirer (2,117 yards, 18 TDs) returning for his senior season. The Irish must find a tailback to replace departed Tony Brooks, but his brother Reggie and converted safety Willie Clark should be able to plug the holes. Lake Dawson will return at flanker, but Holtz must find replacements for split end Tony Smith and All-American tight end Derek Brown.

Defense: The young Irish defense was much-maligned last year. Seven opponents topped the 400-yard mark in total offense. But Notre Dame returns 10 of 11 full-time starters in its 4-3 scheme and 19 of 23 players that started at least one game. Leading tackler LB Demetrius Boyd and DE Devon McDonald, the team leader in tackles-for-loss, anchor the front seven, and cornerback Tom Carter (five interceptions) will lead what Holtz hopes will be a tighter secondary. The key: avoiding 1991's injury bug and better play along the line.

Special Teams: Craig Hentrich ranks as the top returning place-kicker/punter in college football, assuming he can return from knee surgery in January. If he can't go this fall after missing spring drills, Kevin

Pendergast—who booted a field goal and three extra points in the Sugar Bowl—will fill in again. Jeff Burns, who ranked 12th in the country in punt returns last year, leads the Irish return men.

Environment: Holtz is one of the premier coaches in college football, and every winter his staff is raided. This year is no different. Five new faces will be on the sidelines, including defensive coordinator and linebackers coach Rick Minter, who came from Ball State. There may not be a school in the country with a more pronounced home-field advantage.



Jeff Brohm, Louisville

PHOTO: BRIAN TIRPAK

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Irish will face eight of the 11 teams from its 1991 schedule, including traditional rivals Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Southern Cal and Navy. Michigan—after opening with Northwestern, the Irish come home Sept. 12 for the Wolverines in an early poll gauge; Penn State—this clash of the country's top two Independents Nov. 14 at South Bend could have national championship ramifications; Southern Cal—Nov. 28 in L.A. 'Nough said.

Outlook: If the Notre Dame defense can plug last year's leaks, the Irish could be playing for No. 1 New Year's Day.

Bowl: yes

2. PENN STATE

Offense: Joe Paterno unshackled the offense last season when Tony Sacca was under center. With Sacca gone and backup Kerry Collins at the helm, look for standout tailback Richie Anderson to carry even more of the load, especially early in the season. Anderson rushed for 779 yards and 10 touchdowns last year. Bull-like Brian O'Neal returns at fullback after red-shirting last year. He'll replace graduated Sam Gash. While Anderson may be the early focus, wide receiver O.J. McDuffie will hold the attention of opposing defensive coaches. The Fiesta Bowl's Offensive MVP, he caught 46 passes for 790 yards and 10 TDs last year.

Defense: Five starters are gone from a unit that ranked first in the country in turnover margin, fifth in pass defense and rushing defense and ninth in scoring defense and total defense. But Tyoka Jackson, Lou Benfatti and Eric Ravotti



Jose Gonzalez, Louisville

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Rick Mirer, Notre Dame

PHOTO: RON VESELY

NOTRE DAME**LOCATION:** South Bend, IN.**STADIUM:** Notre Dame Stadium (69,075).**COACH:** Lou Holtz (172-82-5 overall/56-17 at ND).**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-3 (beat Florida in the Sugar Bowl, 39-28)**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

Offense—William Pollard, SE, 6-5, 220, Sr.; Irv Smith, TE, 6-4, 246, Sr.; Lindsay Knapp, OT, 6-6, 271, Sr.; Aaron Taylor, OG, 6-4, 294, Jr.; Tim Ruddy, C, 6-3, 278, Jr.; Todd Norman, OG, 6-6, 289, Sr.; Justin Hall, OT, 6-4, 297, Sr., HM Football News All-American; Lake Dawson, WR, 6-1, 202, Jr.; Rick Mirer, QB, 6-2, 217, Sr., HM Football News All-American; Reggie Brooks, TB, 5-8, 200, Sr., Jerome Bettis, FB, 6-0, 247, Jr., 2nd team Football News All-American, HM UPI All-American.

Defense—Kameeyleah McGill, DE, 6-3, 224, Sr.; Bryant Young, DT, 6-3, 271, Jr.; Eric Jones, DT, 6-5, 254, Jr.; Devon McDonald, DE, 6-4, 241, Sr., HM Football News All-American; Anthony Peterson, OLB, 217, Jr.; Demetrius DuBose, MLB, 6-2, 234, Sr., 1st team Football News All-American, HM UPI All-American Butkus Award semifinalist; Pete Berich, SLB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Tom Carter, CB, 5-11, 184, Jr.; Greg Lane, CB, 5-9, 176, Jr.; John Covington, SS, 6-2, 197, Jr.; Jeff Burns, FS, 6-0, 194, Jr., HM Football News All-American.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Rick Mirer, QB; Jerome Bettis, FB; Lake Dawson, WR; Reggie Brooks, TB; Willie Clark, converted from CB to TB; Demetrius DuBose, MLB; Jeff Burris, FS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Pete Chryplewicz, TE, Anthony Jones, DE, Thomas Knight, OLB, Will Lyell, OL; Brian Magee, DB; Derrick Mayes, WR; Mike McCullough, DL; David Quist, DL; Bobby Taylor, DB; Leon Wallace, TE; Dusty Zeigler, OL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Derek Brown, TE; Rodney Cuver, TB; Mirko Jurkovic, RG; Gene McGuire, OG; Ryan Mihalco, FB; Rod Smith, SB; Tony Smith, SE.

return to anchor the line in the Nittany Lion's 3-4 scheme. Reggie Givens, the Fiesta Bowl's Defensive MVP, will continue the school's tradition as "Linebacker U." Big-play cornerback Derek Bochna is back, as is 1991's leading tackler, safety Lee Rubin (60 tackles).

Special Teams: Place-kicker Craig Fayak had a spectacular junior season, nailing 13 of 16 field goals, including his last nine in a row. Punter Jamie Dreese last season's backup, has booted five times for a 45.2-yard average in his Penn State career.

Environment: Even when the Nittany Lions aren't expected to roar, Paterno manages to keep his program on top. In 26 seasons he has 240 victories, tops among active 1 A coaches and fourth on the all-time win list. While some would call Penn State's uniforms dull, no one can argue with the Nittany Lions' sustained excellence.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Miami (FL) used last year's victory as a springboard to its national championship. This year the rematch is Oct. 10 in Beaver Stadium; Notre Dame—Penn State blitzed the visiting Irish last season, but the Nittany Lions have to play under the Golden Dome Nov. 14; Pittsburgh—throw out the records

ALL-INDEPENDENT

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Rick Mirer, Notre Dame; TB Richie Anderson, Penn State; FB Jerome Bettis, Notre Dame; WR O.J. McDuffie, Penn State; WR Chris Penn, Tulsa; TE Marcus Popo, Southern Mississippi; OT Willie Roaf, Louisiana Tech; OT Tom Scott, East Carolina; OG John Gerak, Penn State; OG Mark Govi, Tulsa; C Jamie Crysedale, Cincinnati; PK Craig Fayak, Penn State; KR McDuffie, Penn State.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE: DE James Singleton, Southern Mississippi; DE Jerry Dillon, East Carolina; DT Tyoka Jackson, Penn State; DT Chris Hobbs, Memphis State; LB Demetrius Debose, Notre Dame; LB Myron Baker, Louisiana Tech; LB Reggie Givens, Penn State; CB Derek Bochna, Penn State; CB Tom Carter, Notre Dame; S Ray Buchanan, Louisville; S Greg Grandison, East Carolina; P Jeff Buffalo, Memphis State.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE: QB Jeff Brohm, Louisville; RB Ron Jackson, Tulsa; RB David Small, Cincinnati; WR Russell Copeland, Memphis State; WR Wilbert Ursin, Tulane; TE Kris Bjorson, Cincinnati; OT Justin Hall, Notre Dame; OT Greg Huntington, Penn State; OG Aaron Taylor, Notre Dame; OG Jeff Kind, Memphis State; C Mitch Tinsley, Tulane; PK Chris Boniol, Louisiana Tech; KR Russell Strickland, Tulane.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE: DE Devon McDonald, Notre Dame; DE Aaron Tallman, Tulsa; DT Art Davis, Louisiana Tech; DT Lou Benfatti, Penn State; LB Danton Barto, Memphis State; LB Nate Dingle, Cincinnati; LB Tyrone Nix, Southern Mississippi; CB Dominic Calloway, Memphis State; CB Greg Floyd, East Carolina; S Jeff Burris, Notre Dame; S Lee Rubin, Penn State; P Craig Hentrich, Notre Dame.

PENN STATE**LOCATION:** State College, PA.**STADIUM:** Beaver Stadium (93,713)**COACH:** Joe Paterno (249-62-3 overall)**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 11-2 (beat Tennessee in Fiesta Bowl, 42-17).**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

Offense—O.J. McDuffie, WR, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Phil Collins, WR, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Greg Huntington, OT, 6-3, 274, Sr.; John Gerak, OG, 6-5, 270, Sr.; E.J. Sandusky, C, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Mike Malnowski, OG, 6-2, 264, Sr.; Derrick Pickett, OT, 6-5, 275, Sr.; Troy Drayton, TE, 6-3, 225, Sr.; Kerry Collins, QB, 6-4, 220, Jr.; Richie Anderson, TB, 226, 6-2, Sr.; Brian O'Neal, FB, 6-0, 230, Sr.

Defense—Tyoka Jackson, DT, 6-2, 250, Sr.; Vin Stewart, NG, 6-3, 275, Jr.; Lou Benfatti, DT, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Reggie Givens, OLB, 6-0, 218, Sr.; Brett Wright, ILB, 6-0, 225, Sr.; Phil Yeboah Kodie, ILB, 6-2, 212, Jr.; Rich McKenzie, OLB, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Derek Bochna, CB, 5-10, 188, Jr.; Lee Rubin, FS, 5-9, 184, Sr.; Shelly Hammonds, SS, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Mark Graham, CB, 5-10, 176, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: O.J.

McDuffie, WR; Richie Anderson, TB; Kerry Collins, QB; John Gerak, OG; Greg Huntington, OT; Tyoka Jackson, DT; Lee Rubin, FS; Craig Fayak, PK.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Andrew Joyner, WR; Wayne Holmes, OT; Jon Whitman, LB; Brian O'Neal, FB; Jamie Dreese, P.

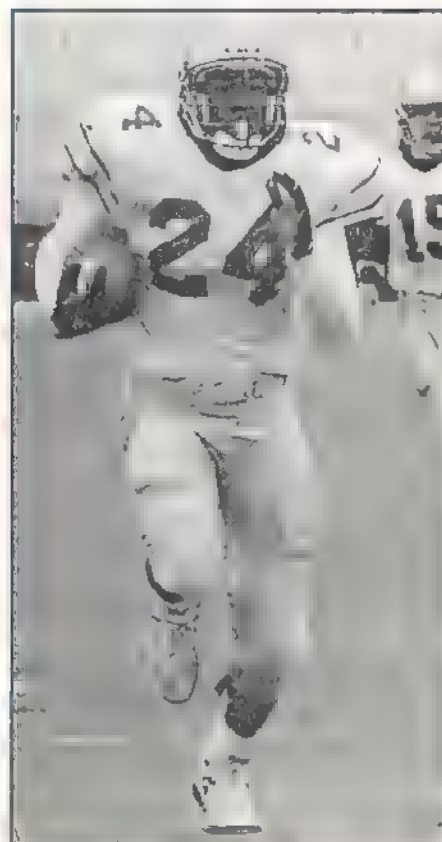
KEY PLAYERS LOST: Tony Sacca, QB; Sam Gash, FB; Mark D'Onofrio, LB; Keith Gogamous, LB; Jim Deter, N.; Terry Smith, WR; Darren Perry, S; Leonard Humphries, CB.

when these two meet Nov. 21 in College Station in a renewal of their annual slugfest.

Outlook: If Collins can step into Sacca's shoes, and if the offensive line can be remodeled, Penn State will find itself in familiar territory: ranked in the Top 10 and playing New Year's Day.

Bowl: yes.**3. TULSA**

Offense: The 1991 Freedom Bowl champs lost the linchpin of its offense with the graduation of quarterback T.J. Rubely. But Gus Frerotte, who subbed for Rubely when he went down during the 1990 season, is a veteran of Coach Dave Rader's one-back attack. Frerotte completed 97 of 216 passes for 1,066 yards and five TDs in

**Barry Minter, Tulsa**

1990. Tailback Chris Hughley opted early for the NFL draft, but the running game is in fine shape with Ron Jackson—the Freedom Bowl MVP—returning. He ran for 674 yards last season. Wide receiver Chris Penn (37 catches, 792 yards, five touchdowns) leads a pass-catching group that returns four of its top six players. The line also should be solid, with standout Mark Govi sliding over to replace All-American Jerry Ostroski at tackle. Two other starters—guard Mark Laskey and tackle J. Paul Russell—also are back.

Defense: The secondary will key Tulsa's 4-3 scheme, with three of four starters returning. On the line, end Aaron Tallman and sturdy tackle Phil Holmes return. Graduation gutted the linebacker position, where Tulsa lost starters Michael White and Todd Hays. But Barry Minter returns as the team's leading tackler.

Special Teams: Frerotte will pull double duty as Tulsa's punter, and dependable

TULSA

LOCATION: Tulsa, OK.

STADIUM: Skelly Stadium (40,385)

COACH: Dave Rader (22-23 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-2 (beat San Diego State in Freedom Bowl, 28-17).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Chris Penn, SE, 6-2, 193, Sr.; Bill Bueher, TE, 6-1, 235, Sr.; Keith Roller, OT, 6-3, 280, Sr.; Mark Govi, G, 6-5, 287, Sr.; Lou Spanos, C, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Mark Laskey, 6-2, G, 268, Jr.; J. Paul Russell, OT, 6-4, 302, Sr.; Harvey Crowder, FL, 5-11, 188, Sr. **QB** Frerotte, QB, 6-4, 226, Jr.; Ron Jackson, TB, 6-0, 221, Sr.; Phil Nitowski, HB, 6-3, 246, Jr.

Defense—Sedric Clark, DE, 6-3, 239, Fr.; Phil Holmes, DT, 6-1, 285, Sr.; Coco Butler, DT, 6-2, 274, Fr.; Aaron Tallman, DE, 6-3, 258, Sr.; Barry Minter, LB, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Chris Bratcher, LB, 6-2, 264, Sr.; Darryl Johnson, LB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Chandler Norton, CB, 5-11, 181, Sr.; James Blake, SS, 5-11, 195, Jr.; Dennis Hickey, FS, 6-0, 168, Sr.; Stephen Ford, CB, 5-11, 169, Sr.

MAKE IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Gus

Frerotte, QB, Ron Jackson, TB, Harvey Crowder, FL; Chris Penn, SE; Eric Lange, K; Dennis Hickey, FS; Phil Holmes, DT; Barry Minter, LB; Aaron Tallman, DE.

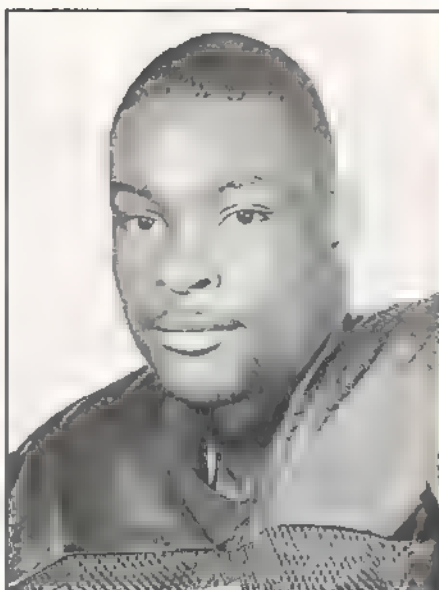
TOP NEWCOMERS: Sedric Clark, DE, Coco Butler, DT, Matt Drevets, LB; David Millwee, C, Jake Naylor, TE, David Jones, LB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: T.J. Rubely, QB; Jerry Ostroski, OT; Chris Hughley, TB; Fallon Wacasey, TE; Michael White, LB; Tracy Scroggins, DL; Todd Hays, LB; Joe Dan McAdams, LB; Clint Dishman, DL; Louis Curtis, CB.

Eric Lange (16 of 19 field goals) also returns.

Environment: Rader has revived football fever in Tulsa town, taking a 4-7 team in his first season as head coach to 10-2 last season.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Houston—The Golden Hurricane will be caught in the sights of the run 'n' shoot in its season opener Sept. 5 in Tulsa. Texas A&M—No rest for the weary, as Tulsa takes on an Aggie team Sept. 12 in College Station, Texas, that it edged last year with a huge second-half rally. Texas, El Paso—Last year's defeat of the Miners clinched Tulsa's bowl berth. The rematch is set for



Russell Copeland, Memphis State

Nov. 7 in Tulsa.

Outlook: The Golden Hurricane roared through its last seven games undefeated. If the linebacker problems can be resolved and Frerotte can step in for Rubely, Tulsa may do itself one better this year.

Bowl: yes.

4. LOUISIANA TECH

Offense: Actually, Joe Raymond Peace prefers to run first, pass second, but the Bulldogs have been adept at doing both the past two years. Though quarterback Gene Johnson has graduated, Sam Hughes appears ready to step up under center. In eight games last season he completed 58.3 percent of his passes for 484 yards and three touchdowns. Halfback Jason Davis, who ranked fourth nationally in rushing last season (135 yards a game), returns, as do the top three receivers, Corey Parham, Paul Bland and wingback Jerald Kennedy. Each caught at least 23 passes and averaged more than 12.5 yards a reception. Three starters return on the line, including NFL prospect Willie Roaf at left tackle.

Defense: Defensive coordinator John Thompson left for the University of Southern Mississippi, taking line coach Joe Robinson with him. But the Bulldogs will stick with Thompson's aggressive, stunting 4-3. Six starters return, including two All-Louisiana selections, linebacker Myron Baker and defensive tackle Art Davis. The safeties will be solid with Carey Broudy and Doug Evans, and Davis will be flanked up front by defensive end Steve Wilson and Kevin Crawford.

Special Teams: Chris Boniol had an off year last season (six of 17 field goals) after ranking as the 11th-best kicker in the country as a freshman. Tech will need his leg to return to its 1990 form. Punter Daryl Altic overcame an injury to finish the year with a 38.4-yard average.

Environment: In Peace's four years at the helm the Bulldogs are 14-2 at home with no home losses since stepping up to Division I-A in 1989.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: This year the schedule is meatier. Baylor—Tech

LOUISIANA TECH

LOCATION: Ruston, LA.

STADIUM: Joe Aillet Stadium (30,200).

COACH: Joe Raymond Peace (25-15-4 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-1-2.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43.

PROJECTED STARTERS: **Offense—**Corey

Parham, SE, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Willie Roaf, LT, 6-5, 290, Sr., 1991 All-South Independent, 1991 All-Louisiana; Lloyd Wheelchel, LG, 6-4, 271, Sr.; Nate Goodyear, C, 6-1, 265, Sr.; Baron Rollins, RG, 335, Sr.; David Parker, RT, 6-6, 285, Sr.; Wade Christensen, TE, 6-3, 255, Sr.; Paul Bland, FL, 5-10, 183, Sr.; Sam Hughes, QB, 6-4, 230, Sr.; Jason Davis, RB, 6-1, 202, Sr., 1991 Louisiana Offensive Player of the Year, 1991 All-South Independent; Jerald Kennedy, WB, 5-9, 175, Sr. **Defense—**Steve Wilson, DE, 6-3, 222, Sr.; Artie Smith, DT, 6-5, 286, Sr., 1991 All-South Independent, 1991 All-Louisiana; Kevin Crawford, DT, 6-2, 296, Jr.; Shannon Cornelius, DE, 6-3, 255, Sr.; Myron Baker, LB, 6-1, 228, Sr., 1991 All-South Independent, two-time All-Louisiana; Herman Piete, LB, 6-0, 223, Sr.; Norman Dunn, LB, 6-3, 238, Sr.; John Boyd, CB, 5-10, 192, Sr.; Carey Broudy, FS, 6-2, 200, Sr.; Doug Evans, R, 6-1, 165, Sr.; Chns Gray, CB, 5-11, 155, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Sam Hughes, QB; Jason Davis, RB; Willie Roaf, LT; Myron Baker, LB; Steve Wilson, DE; Artie Smith, DT; Doug Evans, R; Carey Broudy, FS; Chns Boniol, K.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Demetrius Fowles, DL; Cliff Parks, WR; Sean Gatchell, C; Wilford Carter, CB; Brody Clark, LB; Russell Clark, DB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Gene Johnson, QB; Alan Apple, OG; Glenn Hunt, OT; Lorenza Baker, LB; Pat Wilson, LB; Demise Loyd FS.

finds out where it stands with its season opener in Waco, Texas Sept. 5; Southwestern Louisiana—the grudge game Oct. 10 in Ruston; South Carolina—the teams tied last year; a win here could set up the Bulldogs for a postseason bid.

Outlook: Tech may have been the best team nobody ever heard of the past two seasons, although weak schedules helped pad the win column. This year the Bulldogs will have to sink or swim in the choppy current of Division I-A.

Bowl: maybe.

5. EAST CAROLINA

Offense: One doesn't take a deep breath and simply replace a quarterback like Jeff Blake, the man who guided the Pirates to victory in the Peach Bowl and a No. 9 ranking. Gone too are top receivers Dion Johnson and Hunter Gallimore and tight end Luke Fisher. But all hope isn't lost. Blake's mentor, former offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Steve Logan, has stepped into the head coach's role. Logan is counting on quarterback Sean McConnell to run his pro-set offense. McConnell tore knee ligaments last year, but is expected to be ready this fall. Dia Hicks and JUCO transfer Morris Lechter are being counted on heavily at wide receiver. Tailback Cedric Van Buren handled the bulk of the backfield chores in 1991 (351 yards), and is likely to see more carries this season.

Defense: Ernie Lewis has the unenviable job of moving into the spot vacated by All-American linebacker Robert Jones. Lewis

EAST CAROLINA

LOCATION: Greenville, NC.

STADIUM: Ficklen Stadium (35,000).

COACH: Steve Logan (0-0 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 11-1 (defeated North Carolina State in Peach Bowl, 37-34).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 50

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Clayton Driver, SE, 6-0, 201, Sr.; Carlester Crumpler, TE, 6-6, 245, Jr.; Tom Scott, LT, 6-7, 338, Sr.; HM Football News All-American, Tom Coleman, LG, 6-3, 275, Jr.; Derrick Leaphart, C, 6-2, 290, So.; Greg Smith, RG, 6-2, 270, Jr.; Nick Wilson, RT, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Ron Williams, FL, 6-0 176 Sr.; Sean McConnell, QB, 6-2, 192, Sr.; Damon Wilson, FB, 6-0, 205, So.; Cedric Van Buren, RB, 5-10, 185, Jr.

Defense—Jerry Dillon, DE, 6-4, 215, Sr.; Jeff Cooke, LT, 6-1, 264, Jr.; Zaim Cunmulaj, NG, 6-1 240, Sr.; Derek Taylor, RT, 6-0, 243, Jr.; Bernard Carter, RE, 6-3 236, Jr.; Ernie Lewis, ILB, 6-1, 216, Sr.; Adrian Barnhill, ILB, 5-11, 231, Sr.; Anthony Freeman, LCB, 5-10, 178, So.; Fred Walker, SS, 5-11, 197, So.; Greg Grandison, FS, 6-2, 218, Sr.; Greg Floyd, RCB, 5-10, 180, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Tom Scott, LT; Ron Williams, FL; Cedric Van Buren, RB; Sean McConnell, QB; Carlester Crumpler, TE; Jerry Dillon, DE; Greg Grandison, FS; Ernie Lewis, ILB; Adrian Barnhill, ILB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Morris Letcher, WR, Dra Hicks, WR; John Clevinger, OL; Allen Williams, WR; Rusty Hurley, LB; Eric Dalton, TE/DE.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jeff Blake, QB; Keith Arnold, C; Ken Crawford, OG; Luke Fisher, TE; Hunter Gailmore, WR; Dion Johnson, WR; Mike Calop, OG; Ken Burnette, LB; Robert Johnson, LB; Greg Gardill, DT; Chris Hall, DB; John Jett, P.

and first-year linebacker Adrian Barnhill will have an experienced line in front of them in the Pirates' multiple "50" defense. Jerry Dillon and Bernard Carter return at ends, Derek Taylor is back at tackle, and Zaim Cunmulaj anchors the group at nose guard. Hard-hitting Greg Grandison and Fred Walker return at safety, and Greg Floyd starts his second season at cornerback.

Special Teams: Anthony Brenner (14 of 22 field goals) is back, and freshman Michael Jacobs will replace John Jett as punter. Letcher will replace Johnson, one of the nation's top return men in 1991.

Environment: Bill Lewis' departure to Georgia Tech was softened by the promotion of Logan, who's a known quantity to the players.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Not an easy stretch by any means, but not as demanding as one might expect.

Syracuse—The Pirates open the season with a bang at home Sept. 5. South Carolina—The Gamecocks will seek revenge Sept. 19 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Outlook: The Pirates have huge holes to fill on offense and defense, but a manageable schedule could be just what the doctor ordered while ECU tries to duplicate its 1991 success.

Bowl: maybe.

6. MEMPHIS STATE

Offense: Gone is trigger man Kerth Benton, a dangerous scrambler. In his place comes Joe Cole, a University of

Miami transfer who played in five games last season. Look for more of a drop-back passing game from the Tigers. Larry Porter (454 yards) leads a bevy of tailbacks, including Xavier Crawford, who missed the spring rehabilitating a knee injury. At full-back Leon Bosby (342 yards, six TDs) returns. Last year's top receiver John Bush also returns, as does tight end Gary Bouldin. The line may be MSU's strength since four of five starters return, led by guard Jeff King.

Defense: Nose guard Chris Hobbs, an all-South Independent selection, is the centerpiece of the Tigers' "50" defense. He'll be flanked by tackles Pat Jansen and Charles King. At linebacker Danton Barto, a first-team all-sophomore All-American, is as good as they come, and cornerbacks Dominic Calloway and Herb Kendall are excellent cover men.

Special Teams: Joe Allison (six of 13 FGs) returns, as does All-South Independent punter Jeff Buffalo, who averaged 42.3 yards a boot last year.

Environment: The Tigers are rounding back into contention after NCAA probation prior to the 1989 season. Coach Chuck Stobart has yet to post a winning season, but the Tigers finally can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: How's this for tough: The Tigers will face five bowl teams and have four games scheduled with schools from the Southeastern Conference. Southern Mississippi—These two don't like each other. It should be a doozy of a season opener Sept. 5. Arkansas—This Sept. 26 meeting will be the first between the two schools from neighboring states. Ole

MEMPHIS STATE

LOCATION: Memphis, TN

STADIUM: Liberty Bowl (62,380).

COACH: Chuck Stobart (51-69-3 overall/11-21-1 at MSU)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 51

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—John Bush, WR, 6-1, 203, Sr.; Gary Bouldin, TE, 6-4, 235, Sr.; Stevie Williams, OT, 6-1, 276, Jr.; Jeff King, OG, 6-2, 250, Jr.; Football News Sophomore All-American Larry Bolton, C, 6-1, 260, Sr.; Joe Stanley, OG, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Tony Semple, OT, 6-6, 252, Jr.; Terry Isles, FL, 5-7, 170, Sr.; Joe Cole, QB, 6-2, 188, Sr.; Larry Porter, RB, 5-10, 190, Jr.; Leon Bosby, FB, 6-1, 227, Sr.

Defense—Chris Graham, DE, 6-2, 231, Sr.; Pat Jansen, DT, 6-2, 254, Sr.; Chris Hobbs, NG, 6-0, 225, Sr.; Charles King, DT, 6-1, 270, Jr.; Jeff Sawyer, DE, 6-2, 211, Sr.; Danton Barto, LB, 6-0, 205, Jr.; Football News Sophomore All-American, All-South Independent; Anthony Collins, 6-1, 210, Sr.; Dominic Calloway, CB, 6-0, 177, Jr.; All-South Independent; Chris Michael, SS, 6-1 195, Jr.; Jeremy Williams, FS, 5-10, 179, Jr.; Herb Kendall, CB, 5-10, 186, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Leon Bosby, FB; Joe Cole, QB; Larry Porter, RB; Russell Copeland, WR; Jeff King, C; Jeff Sawyer, DE; Danton Barto, LB; Chris Hobbs, NG; Dominic Calloway, CB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Lance Geary, DB; Kip Winkler, C; Clifton Davis III, QB; Isaac Bruce, WR; Jesse Allen, DB; John Martin, TE.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Keith Benton, QB; James MacIain, OT; Russell Jones, WR; Larry Cox, DT; David Garaffa, DE; Jeff Harris, DE

Miss. The big one for annual bragging rights.

Outlook: While the Tigers may have their best team in years, the schedule may be too tough to reflect that in the record book.

Bowl: no

7. SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Offense: Following a solid spring, Tommy Waters cemented his position as starting QB. Waters, who set USM's freshman passing record last season, will need help if the Golden Eagles are to rebound from last season's disappointing 4-7 mark. The question will be whether the troika of Michael Welch (nine TDs, 308 yards) and newcomers Myreon McKinney and JUCO transfer Barry Boyd can compensate the loss of Tony Smith (998 yards) at tailback. Marcus Pope is an All-American candidate at tight end, while Greg Reed and Mark Montgomery are more than capable receivers when healthy.

Defense: New defensive coordinator John Thompson brought his 4-3 scheme from Louisiana Tech to Hattiesburg. Head Coach Bower replaced four defensive coaches, hoping to rev up a unit that permitted 103 fourth-quarter points. James Singleton, an academic All-American last year, will anchor a young but talented front wall. Tyrone Nix is the most experienced of

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

LOCATION: Hattiesburg, MS

STADIUM: M. M. Roberts Stadium (33,000).

COACH: Jeff Bower (4-8 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34

PROJECTED STARTERS: **Offense**—Greg

Reed, WR, 6-2, 180, Sr.; Marcus Pope, TE, 6-3, 250, Sr.; Leon Anderson, OT, 6-5, 280, Sr.; Donell Brannon, OG, 6-4, 305, Sr.; Kenny Ray, C, 6-3, 265, So.; George McReynolds, OG, 6-2, 260, Sr.; Carey Moorer, OT, 6-4, 266, Jr.; Mark Montgomery, WR, 6-1, 180, So.; Tommy Waters, QB, 6-0, 210, So.; Michael Welch, TB, 5-10, 207, Sr.; Dwayne Nelson, FB, 6-0, 228, Sr. **Defense**—James Singleton, DE, 6-3, 215, Sr.; Michael Tobias, DT, 6-3, 275, So.; Reggie Elder, DT, 6-4, 259, Jr.; Bobby Hamilton, DE, 6-5, 265, Jr.; Tyrone Nix, ILB, 6-2, 230, Jr.; Albert McRae, OLB, 6-1, 218, Fr.; Eugene Harmon, OLB, 6-0, 215, Fr.; LaBarion Rankins, CB, 5-11, 174, So.; Terry Ulmer, CB, 5-10, 180, Jr.; Tim Wright, S, 6-1, 180, Jr.; Shaun Gamble, S, 6-0, 180, So.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Tommy Waters, QB; Mark Montgomery, WR; Greg Reed, WR; Marcus Pope, TE; Michael Welch, LB; Eugene Harmon, OLB; Albert McRae, OLB; LaBarion Rankins, CB; Terry Ulmer, CB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Barry Boyd, TB; Aaron Hightower, QB; Johnny Lomoro, PK; Myreon McKinney, TB; James Robinson, DT; Roy Stahler, DB; Cedric Walthaw, LB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Pete Antoniou, DT; Ron Baham, WR; Gerald Blake, OLB; Lehman Braley, OG; Scott Bryant, P; Kendrick Collins, DT; Raymond Hollins, DB; Derrick Hoskins, S; Roland Johnson, FB; Chris LaCoste, C; Rod Lynch, ILB; Chatan Marsh, OG; Chad McDowell, ILB; Tim Miller, NG; Rod Reed, OLB; Tim Roberts, DT; Reggie Russell, OT; Chris Ryals, OT; Tony Smith, TB; Jim Taylor, PK; Arnie Williams, ILB; Brian Wood, DB; Pat Wynn, DB.

ON THE HOT SEAT

1. Kerry Collins, Penn State QB

Has the unenviable task of trying to fill the void left by the departure of Tony Sacca, who threw for a school record 2,488 yards and 21 touch downs.

2. Howard Schnellenberger, Louisville coach

In no danger of losing his job, but after the 1990 Fiesta Bowl season reminded this basketball-happy region that the Cardinals play football as well, Schnellenberger must erase last year's 2-9 debacle to avoid losing the renewed fan interest.

3. Buddy Teevens, Tulane coach

Teevens, who has turned around programs at Maine and Dartmouth, will be watched closely to see if he can bring yet another program back from the brink.

the linebacking corps, finishing 10th on the team in tackles last year. Shaun Gamble was converted from tailback to safety. Thompson had to replace 10 of 11 fulltime starters this spring. The young Golden Eagles will have to mature quickly.

Special Teams: Lance Nations returns as place-kicker, though freshman signee Johnny Lomoro—a strong-legged blue-chipper—is being counted on for the fall. Enc Estes, last year's No. 1 quarterback before a severe concussion in fall drills forced him to quit, leads the list of punting candidates. The Golden Eagles are deep in return men. Junior Perry Carter returned a punt for a touchdown last year, and no fewer than six other players have seen duty returning kicks.

Environment: Enthusiasm summed up the spring. Competition was stiff as players fought to fill 18 of 22 starter's roles. Though young, hopes are high that the Golden Eagles can rebound from only their seventh losing season in the last 32 years.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: This season's schedule is particularly tough, with USM traveling to Alabama, Auburn and Florida. Alabama—a likely preseason top 10 team, USM will find out quickly how it measures up when the two meet in the season's second week; Tulane—USM will have just four days to get ready for this Thursday night contest Oct. 15. It's the first of two Thursday night games; USM plays East Carolina on ESPN Oct. 29. That means four games in a 20-day span; Florida—another clash with a top 10 team Nov. 7.

Outlook: Youth and a brutal schedule would appear to conspire against the Golden Eagles this season. But if USM's defense can hold the line, the Golden Eagles have a shot at returning to the winner's circle.

Bowl: no

8. CINCINNATI

Offense: Injury turned the Bearcats quarterback duty into a revolving door. Juniors Paul Anderson (the 1991 starter) and Lance Harp (his stand-in) return as trigger men in UC's multiple look offense. The pair threw for more than 2,000 yards, with Harp (107 of 204 for 1,443 yards) donating the lion's share. Whoever the quarterback is, he'll have plenty of folks downfield. The

top three receivers—wideouts Marlon Pearce and Damon Bryant and Academic All-American tight end Krs Bjorson—will be back. Pearce ranked 34th nationally in receiving in 1991. Tailback David Small, who came up big last season with more than 1,000 yards rushing, will team with fullback Mike Britford to form a solid backfield duo. The line is of concern, where only center Jamie Crysdale and tackle Jim Carmon return.

Defense: After starting the year with blowouts by Penn State and Virginia Tech, UC rallied to finish ranking 44th in the country in total defense. The top performers in the Bearcats "50" front are outside linebacker Nate Dingle and the line of defensive tackles Ronnie Dixon and Gary

CINCINNATI

LOCATION: Cincinnati, OH

STADIUM: Nippert Stadium (36,000)

COACH: Tim Murphy (21 34-1 overall/6-26-1 at UC)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Marlon Pearce, SE, 5-8, 162, Jr.; Jim Carmon, OT, 6-5, 276, Sr.; Kevin Mitchell, OG, 6-3, 290, So.; Jamie Crysdale, C, 6-3, 281, Sr.; Matt Vaupel, RG, 6-5, 291, So.; Dale Katz, RT, 6-5, 267, Jr.; Krs Bjorson, TE, 6-2, 229, Sr.; Damon Bryant, FL, 5-7, 161, Jr.; Lance Harp, QB, 6-5, 222, Jr.; David Small, TB, 5-9, 179, Jr.; Football News Almost All-American; Mike Britford, FB, 5-6, 195, Jr.
Defense—Ronnie Dixon, DT, 6-3, 292, Sr.; Bob Dickens, NG, 6-2, 261, Jr.; Gary Reid, DT, 6-3, 268, Sr.; Nate Dingle, OLB, 6-3, 254, Jr.; Scott Brown, ILB, 6-0, 240, Sr.; Jason Coppess, ILB, 6-2, 236, So.; Reggie Hudson, OLB, 6-1, 203, So.; Jocelyn Borgella, CB, 5-11, 179, Jr.; Latish Kinsler, SS, 6-2, 197, Jr.; Michael Davis, FS, 6-2, 191, Jr.; Dave Montiel, CB, 5-7, 173, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: David Small, TB; Marlon Pearce, SE; Damon Bryant, FL; Krs Bjorson, TE; Jamie Crysdale, C; Nate Dingle, OLB; Latish Kinsler, SS; Ronnie Dixon, DT; Bob Dickens, NG; Gary Reid, DT

TOP NEWCOMERS: Craedel Kimbrough, TB; Darryl Harding, RB; Brian Whitlow, PK; Steve Hubbard, OT/DT; Jeff Hubbard, OT/DT.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Kelly Sims, CB; Ronnie Shannon, OG; David Rowe, PK; Chris Carmon, OG; Richard Johnson, OT; John Arena, OG

Reid and nose guard Bob Dickens. UC has to replace four-year starting safeties Kelly Sims and Ronnie Shannon. But big-play cornerback Jocelyn Borgella returns.

Special Teams: Place-kicker David Rowe graduated, but Brian Whitlow—the second-ranked junior college kicker in the country—should fill the breach. Punter Jeff Blaylock averaged just 34.2 yards a kick as freshman.

Environment: Coach Tim Murphy has the Bearcats believing in themselves. After a 1-10 1990 season UC started the '91 season 0-4, but the 'Cats finished the schedule 4-3 and are looking forward to the upcoming season rather than dreading the first whistle.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Not as nasty as 1991, but still mean enough. Penn State: Thrashed UC 81-0 last year; will provide a stern test to open the season Sept. 5. Tennessee—The two haven't played since 1942; they'll tangle in Knoxville, Sept. 26. Southern Mississippi—Could mean the difference between a winning and losing season when the two meet Oct. 24 in Hattiesburg.

Outlook: Things are looking up in the Queen City, but Bearcat rooters shouldn't plan on playing in December just yet.

Bowl: no.

9. LOUISVILLE

Offense: Howard Schnellenberger had the perfect QB to run his pro-style passing

LOUISVILLE

LOCATION: Louisville, KY.

STADIUM: Cardinal Stadium (35,500)

COACH: Howard Schnellenberger (75-58-2 overall/34-42-2 at UL)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Kevin Cook, FL, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Jose Gonzalez, TE, 6-4, 209, Sr.; Kevin Blumeyer, OT, 6-3, 268, Sr.; Matt Axline, OG, 6-5, 260, Sr.; Garin Patrick, C, 6-2, 238, Jr.; Dave DeBod, OG, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Shawn Rodriguez, OT, 6-5, 242, Sr.; Greg Brohm, SE, 6-0, 161, Sr.; Jeff Brohm, QB, 6-1, 200, Jr.; Ralph Dawkins, HB, 5-9, 205, Jr.; All-South Independent; Terry Quinn, FB, 6-0, 190, So.

Defense—Kendall Brown, DE, 6-3, 230, So.; Leonard Ray, DT, 6-3, 265, Jr.; Jim Hanna, RT, 6-4, 240, Jr.; Brevin Smith, DE, 6-2, 232, Sr.; Marcus Hill, LB, 6-0, 224, So.; Andy Culley, MLB, 6-3, 223, Sr.; Ben Sumpter, LB, 6-1, 208, Jr.; Robert Knuutila, CB, 5-11, 181, Jr.; Rawle Bynoe, R, 5-11, 174, Sr.; Ray Buchanan, FS, 5-9, 190, Sr.; Associated Press HM All-American, All South Independent; Anthony Bridges, CB, 5-9, 165, Fr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Jeff Brohm, QB; Ralph Dawkins, HB; Jose Gonzalez, TE; Kevin Blumeyer, OT; Kevin Cook, FL; Andy Culley, LB; Ray Buchanan, FS; Ray Knuutila, DB; Ben Sumpter, LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Kelvin Givens, CB; Alton Jones, DE; Jermaine Williams, OT; Anthony Bridges, CB; Rico Clark, DB; Kwalee Cooper, WR; Johnny Frost, LB; Kaaba Majeed RB/DB; Reggie Ferguson, WR; Xzavia Atkins, OL; Troy Thomas, RB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Carey Figg, C; Erik Watts, QB; Fred Jones, WR; William Blackford, DB; Klaus Wilmsmeyer, PK; Brian Hayes, DL; Mel Mills, DT; Derek Hawthorne, DB.

attack in Jeff Brohm last season. But the speedy, strong armed Brohm went down with a broken leg in 1991's second game against Tennessee. Without Brohm, UL stumbled badly, going from a Fiesta Bowl victory in 1990 to a 2-9 mark in 1991. Brohm is back after a sterling spring, and with him returns halfback Ralph Dawkins. A marked man last season, Dawkins still managed to rush for 622 yards and earn All-South Independent honors. Brohm's brother Greg and Kevin Cook lead the receiving corps. Jose Gonzalez and Jamie Asher provide a solid tandem at tight end.

Defense: Left on the field too often last year, the Cards were scorched. Seven of 11 opponents scored 30 points or more against UL's 4-3 defense. But 19 lettermen return on defense, including All American candidate Ray Buchanan at safety, linebackers Andy Culley and Ben Sumpter, defensive tackle Leonard Ray and defensive back Robert Knuutila.

Special Teams: A major void must be filled with the graduation of punter/place-kicker Klaus Wilmsmeyer. Brandon Brookfield will get first crack at punter, and Ken Harden is the likely replacement at kicker.

Environment: Schnellenberger alone brought instant respect to a once downtrodden Cardinal program. However his young Cardinals must recapture the glory of the 1990 season to keep their basketball-crazed fans pacified.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Only three teams on the 1992 slate had losing records last year. Ohio State—Tough season opener Sept. 5 in Columbus. Syracuse—The annually tough Orangemen visit Cardinal Stadium Oct. 3. Florida—Only the second meeting between the two schools will take place Oct. 24.

Outlook: Bouncing back from the disaster of 1991 would've been tough enough with a typical UL schedule from the mid '80s. This year's mine field may make it nearly impossible.

Bowl: no.

10. TULANE

Offense: With new coach Buddy Teevens comes new hope in the Crescent City as the Green Wave hopes to revive its fortunes after a 1-10 1991 season. Teevens' offense will feature a two-back set. Leading rusher fullback Chance Miller (580 yards) has a chance to become the second Tulane back to rush for more than 2,000 career yards in the last 40 years. Tailback Harold Green also is a holdover. The wideouts could be a potent trio. Wilbert Ursin (70 catches, 989 yards, nine TDs) had a banner year, finishing among the Top 10 pass-catchers in the country. Steady Steve Ballard (41 catches, 491 yards) returns. Billy Duncan, a part-time starter in 1991, threw for 1,065 yards and four TDs, but is being pushed by JUCO transfer Shawn Meadows. Center Mitch Tinsley and tackle Brant Ryrd are solid players to build a line around.

Defense: Tulane will switch from last year's 4-3 to a "50" scheme. Hopefully it will help a squad that allowed opponents an average 441.0 yards a game total offense. Michael Batiste slides over from

TULANE

LOCATION: New Orleans, LA.

STADIUM: Louisiana Superdome (69,055).

COACH: Buddy Teevens (39-31-2 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-10.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 47

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Wilbert Ursin, WR, 6-1, 177, Jr.; Scott Sanchez, TE, 6-3, 228, So.; Erik Bruce, LT, 6-3, 248, So.; Eric Pilmore, LG, 6-3, 300, Sr.; Mitch Tinsley, C, 6-2, 260, Jr.; Robert Bodine, RG, 6-2, 280, Jr.; Brant Byrd, RT, 6-3, 255, Jr.; Steve Ballard, WR, 5-9, 178, Sr.; Billy Duncan, QB, 6-0, 194, Jr.; Harold Dennis, TB, 5-11, 204, Sr.; Chance Miller, FB, 5-9, 195, Sr.

Defense—Darren McGowan, OLB, 6-5, 254, Sr.; Michael Batiste, LT, 6-3, 277, Jr.; Reggie Davis, NG, 6-0, 291, Jr.; Reggie Mack, RT, 6-1, 287, Sr.; Jeff Dean, OLB, 6-1, 201, So.; Shane Wiegand, ILB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Brad Hignight, ILB, 6-3, 209, Fr.; Rod McDowell, CB, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Mark Thornhill, SS, 5-11, 199, Sr.; Mike Staid, FS, 6-2, 194, So.; Brandon Hamilton, CB, 5-9, 174, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Billy Duncan, QB; Jerry Ursin, WR; Wilbert Ursin, WR; Terrance Strickland, RB; Chance Miller, FB; Mitch Tinsley, C; Darren McGowan, OLB; Shane Wiegand, ILB; Mark Thornhill, SS; Michael Batiste, LT; Mike Staid, FS.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Brad Hignight, LB; Cedric Anderson, CB; Ray Lachie, LB; Roger Gill, DT; Steve Schuler, OT; Wesley Salmon, OG; Shawn Meadows, QB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Ronnie Clement, DT; Ray Benford, LB; John Martin, SS; Charles Herrman, C; Beau Harvey, TE.

end, and Reggie was moved to nose guard from the offensive line this spring. The line backing corps will be led by returnees Jeff Dean and Brandon Hamilton. Safety Mike Staid returns as the Wave's leading tackler (108, three interceptions), and three-year starter, safety Mark Thornhill, is expected to better an injury-plagued junior season.

Special Teams: Both specialists are back in Chip Clark (40 yards a punt) and place-kicker Gary Butler (7-of-14 FGs). Teevens is hoping Strickland can regain his 1990 form in which he was one of college football's most dangerous return men.

Environment: Coach Greg Davis was well-liked, but too many losing seasons overrode any sentiment. The 35-year-old Teevens, who turned the Dartmouth and University of Maine programs around, is being counted upon to work his wonders yet again.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: This year's slate isn't nearly as rough as 1991, featuring only two bowl participants (Florida State and Alabama). Ole Miss—this has turned into a nasty little rivalry that'll continue when the Wave travels to Oxford, Mississippi, Sept. 12. Alabama—a midseason tussle in the Superdome Oct. 10. Louisiana State—the year-ender Nov. 21 in Baton Rouge, this game is always a bitter battle.

Outlook: The Wave is looking to put its past behind. Tulane must get better play from its quarterbacks and its defense if it's to have a winning season.

Bowl: no.

ORDER OF FINISH

1. Notre Dame (10-1)

Lou Holtz must get better play from his defense, but he has the quarterback to go all the way.

2. Penn State (9-2)

Joe Paterno must replace his record-setting quarterback, but enough talented players remain on both sides of the line for the Lions to roar.

3. Tulsa (8-3)

Dave Rader has talented subs stepping into offensive skill positions; if he can likewise plug holes at linebacker, this Tulsa team could surprise.

4. Louisiana Tech (7-4)

Joe Raymond Peace's pro-set offense and aggressive defense should keep the Bulldogs in the hunt for a minor bowl.

5. East Carolina (6-5)

Steve Logan inherits a program that broke into the big-time last year, but graduation losses could bring the Pirates back down to earth.

6. Memphis State (6-5)

This could be the Tigers' best team in years; alas, Chuck Stobart inherits a cat-killing schedule.

7. Southern Mississippi (5-6)

Jeff Bower has a squad full of talented but youthful Golden Eagles that may need seasoning.

8. Cincinnati (5-6)

Coach Tim Murray has a nice blend of veteran performers returning, and the Bearcats could push into the winning column.

9. Louisville (3-8)

Howard Schnellenberger has Jeff Brohm at quarterback, but a nasty schedule may keep the Cardinals from taking wing.

10. Tulane (3-8)

New coach Buddy Teevens starts with a promising team and an easier schedule that could translate into triple last year's win total.

If you want a sure bet in Reno, it's that the University of Nevada won't repeat as Big Sky champs despite a stacked lineup. The Wolf Pack has taken its act, including an unblemished (8-0) 1991 league slate, to the Big West Conference. The Big Sky is a league in which the coaches constantly come and go (Montana's Don Read, with 32, is the only active pilot with as many as 25 conference wins), but the offenses always dominate. The prediction here is Idaho, the only active team to have won a Big Sky title in the last eight autumns, will prevail over rivals Weber State, Boise State, Montana and Eastern Washington for the crown.

ALL-BIG SKY

OFFENSE: QB Jamie Martin, Weber State; RB Harold Wright, Eastern Washington; RB Gerald Robinson, Northern Arizona; WR Yo Murphy, Idaho; WR Rob Tesch, Montana State; TE Pete Molino, Idaho State; T Jody Schnug, Idaho; T Lee Duncan, Boise State; G Chris Schneider, Idaho; G Miller Atagi, Weber State; C Jim Schmidt, Eastern Washington; K Terry Belden, Northern Arizona; KR Sean Hill, Montana State.

DEFENSE: DL Jeff Robinson, Idaho, DL Jeff Newton, Montana State; DL Tim Otton, Weber State; DL John Sirmon, Idaho; LB Matt McLaughlin, Boise State; LB Jeff Bergman, Northern Arizona; SS Jackie Kellogg, Eastern Washington; FS Todd Encson, Montana; P Tom Sugg, Idaho.

1. IDAHO

LOCATION: Moscow, ID
STADIUM: Kibbie-ASU Dome (16,000).
COACH: John L. Smith (24-12-0 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5 (4-4 in Big Sky, tied 4th).
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jeff Robinson, DE; Jody Schnug, OT; Chris Schneider, OG; Yo Murphy, WR; Walter Saunders, R; Doug Nussmeier, QB; John Sirmon, DT; Tom Sugg, P.
OUTLOOK: Does a team in Moscow have to be Russian to be good? Last year's Vandals had some fancy offensive numbers in the air (336 yards per game), on the ground (146) and on the scoreboard (34 points), but got burned by costly turnovers. QB Doug Nussmeier (230-for-384, 3,300 yards, 25 TDs/11 interceptions) is first-rate. One area sure to improve: The D certainly can't be hit by as many injuries this time around. Senior end Jeff Robinson was voted the league's defensive MVP in '91. Four Big Sky titles since 1985 attest to the overall strength of the program, and 1992 holds much of the same promise.

2. WEBER STATE

LOCATION: Ogden, UT.
STADIUM: Wildcat Stadium (17,500).
COACH: Dave Arslanian (16-18-0 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-4 (6-2 in Big Sky, tied 2nd).
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jamie Martin, QB; Frederick X, CB; Tim Otton, DE; Dwight Richards, R; Miller Atagi, G; Patrick Schmide, PK.
OUTLOOK: With most of his supporting cast departed, all-everything QB Jamie Martin will be fully tested even to come close to duplicating last fall's remarkable stats (310-500, 4,125 yards, 35 TDs). The key will be to find a replacement for Geoff Mitchell, who rushed for 1,170 yards, if there's to be any chance Patrick Schmide will again be called upon to convert 56 PATs. Virtually the entire defense returns, led by all-league cornerback Frederick X (six interceptions) and 250-pound senior end Tim Otton.

3. BOISE STATE

LOCATION: Boise, ID
STADIUM: Bronco Stadium (22,600).
COACH: Skip Hall (37-22-0 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (4-4 in Big Sky, tied 4th).
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jeff Mladenich, QB; Mike Wilson, WR; Sheldon Forehand, WR; Matt McLaughlin, LB; Eric Escandon, LB; Scott Monk, LB; Lee Duncan, OT; Kerry Lawyer, WR/R.
OUTLOOK: With seven starters gone, the Broncos will be pressed to lead the league again in defense and turnover margin (+22). The strength is the exceptional linebacking crew of Matt McLaughlin, Scott Monk and Eric Escandon. To avoid 1991's frustrations (three of the losses were by four or fewer points), more production must come from the other side of the ball. But will senior QB Jeff Mladenich (138-239, 1,819, 12 TDs, two interceptions) have time to throw behind a rebuilt line? Needed will be ample big plays from Kerry Lawyer, who averaged 28 and 10.9 yards on his kickoff and punt returns, respectively.

4. MONTANA

LOCATION: Missoula, MT.
STADIUM: Washington-Grizzly (15,100)
COACH: Don Read (114-115 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (6-2 in Big Sky, tied 2nd).
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Chad Lemke, LB; Sean Dorris, LB/FS; Brad Lebo, QB; Marc Monestime, RB; Mike Guevara, R; Bill Cockhill, WR; Shaon Baker, WR; Todd Ericson, FS.
OUTLOOK: After a slow start the 1991 Grizzlies were biting. They were extremely close to winning their final eight outings, bowing in OT to league champs Nevada and 20-17 at Eastern Washington. Most of a so-so offense is back, but the big-play defense must be rebuilt around linebacker Chad Lemke and Sean Dorris. Many of the 25 redshirts figure to break into a lineup that includes QB Brad Lebo and his 21 TD tosses. Lebo, who seems destined to labor in Martin's considerable shadow, will need bigger numbers from Marc Monestime (375 yards on 122 rushes) to keep opponents honest.

5. EASTERN WASHINGTON

LOCATION: Cheney, WA.
STADIUM: Woodward Stadium (6,000).
COACH: Dick Zomes (75-59-2 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6 (4-4 in Big Sky, tied 4th).
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jim Schmidt, C; Mark Tennessee, QB; Harold Wright, RB; Alex Lacson, K/WR; Derek Hart, DL; Jason Marsh, LB; Jackie Kellogg, DB.
OUTLOOK: Dick Zomes' Eagles moved up to

fourth last fall after finishing eighth in three of the previous four seasons. Although some talent was lost, experience abounds in all areas except the offensive line. All-league back Harold Wright (910 yards) and wide receiver/place-kicker Alex Lacson (15 FGs) are back. The Big Sky's lowest-rated passing offense must improve dramatically behind senior QB Mark Tennessee (184-338, 2,399, 12 TDs, 12 interceptions).

6. NORTHERN ARIZONA

LOCATION: Flagstaff, AZ.
STADIUM: Walkup Skydome (15,250).
COACH: Steve Axman (8-14-0)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8 (1-7 in Big Sky, tied 8th).
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Gerald Robinson, RB; Len Raney, R; Jeff Bergman, DB; Terry Belden, P; John Bonds, QB.
OUTLOOK: Last fall's crew dropped their final five outings by an average margin of 22 points, thanks to the league's worst turnover problem and its most generous defense. Steve Axman has 17 returning starters from which to build, led by defensive back Jeff Bergman and returners Len Raney (24.4 on kickoffs) and Jerry Avery (10.2 on punts). QB John Bonds tossed for 11 TDs and 2,669 yards, but also suffered 19 interceptions as his team constantly played catch-up. Punter Terry Belden (44.4 average on 43 kicks) certainly picked the right school to showcase his skills.

7. MONTANA STATE

LOCATION: Bozeman, MT.
STADIUM: Reno H. Sales (15,500).
COACH: Cliff Hysell (0-0-0, first year as head coach).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9-0 (1-7-0 in Big Sky).
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Morgan Ryan, FS; Jeff Newton, NG; Si Ryan, FB; Rob Tesch, WR; Sean Hill, CB/R; Mark Fisher, QB.
OUTLOOK: A 15-40 five-year ledger meant adios to Earle Solomonson; Cliff Hysell is now the boss in Bozeman. Hysell inherits a team that last topped .500 in 1984. The good news is all the offensive statistical leaders are back, including Si Ryan who personally accounted for more than 70 percent of the Bobcats' rushing yardage. Mark Fisher must improve on a hideous ratio of seven TD tosses to 18 interceptions. Ball hawk Morgan Ryan (eight interceptions) and star nose guard Jeff Newton are the best of the four returning defensive starters. Look for lots of excitement every time return man Sean Hill touches the ball.

8. IDAHO STATE

LOCATION: Pocatello, ID.
STADIUM: Holt Arena (12,000).
COACH: Brian McNeely (0-0-0, first year as head coach).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-7-1 (2-6 in Big Sky, 7th place).
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Mark Liavaa, LB; Scott Horley, RB; Pete Molino, TE; Sylvester Jones, WR.
OUTLOOK: Brian McNeely inherits a program that has spent six straight years in the Conference's low-rent district. At least he gets a fresh start with the Bengals having lost the most lettermen (20) in the loop. His first task is to tighten a D that yielded 35 or more points on seven occasions. About the only category ISU will probably lead is the number of incoming transfer student-athletes as McNeely tries to tackle a huge challenge.

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The Gateway should be stronger from top to bottom this season, and it was good last year. It was one of the top Division I-AA leagues in 1991, posting a 24-12-2 non-conference record, the best of any I-AA conference, and Northern Iowa and Western Illinois made the playoffs.

Northern Iowa, which tied for the league crown in 1990 and won it outright last year, should be even better this season.

ALL-GATEWAY

OFFENSE: QB Jay Johnson, Northern Iowa; RB Toby Davis, Illinois State; RB Yonel Jourdain, Southern Illinois; WR Kenny Shedd, Northern Iowa; WR Justin Roebuck, Southern Illinois; TE Brian Brown, Illinois State; T Robert Egidi, Indiana State; T Dan Purcell, Eastern Illinois; G Matt Irvin, Southwest Missouri State; G Mike Strickland, Southern Illinois; C Brad Fichtel, Eastern Illinois; K Cameron Bair, Illinois State; KR Kenny Shedd, Northern Iowa.

DEFENSE: DL Dyrrah Christon, Indiana State; DL Dan Dee, Eastern Illinois; DL Casey Smith, Northern Iowa; DL Clint Cullen, Illinois State; LB William Freaney, Northern Iowa; LB Ken McMillan, Western Illinois; LB Ron Moran, Southern Illinois; DB Adrian Smith, Southwest Missouri State; DB Willie Beamon, Northern Iowa; S Simon Nelson, Northern Iowa; S Clint Smothers, Southern Illinois; P Steve Krieger, Indiana State.

1. NORTHERN IOWA

LOCATION: Cedar Falls, IA.
STADIUM: UNI Dome (16,400).
COACH: Terry Allen (27-9 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 11-2 (5-1 in Gateway, 1st place; beat Weber State 38-21, lost to Marshall in the Division I-AA playoffs, 41-13).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 41

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jay Johnson, QB, Tank Corner, TB, Kenny Shedd, WR-KR; Chris Nuss, TE; William Freaney, LB; Tim Mosley, P; Casey Smith, DL; Simon Nelson, S; Willie Beamon, CB.

OUTLOOK: The defending conference champs are loaded, as eight starters are back on both offense and defense. The offense, which led the Gateway with 33.3 points a game, is directed by quarterback Jay Johnson (1,950 yards, 16 TDs), tailback Tank Corner (872 yards, 5.1 yards per carry), wide receiver Kenny Shedd (103.45 all-purpose yards per game) and tight end Chris Nuss (27-347). The Panthers were fourth in the nation in total defense last year, allowing only 243.6 yards a game, led by linebacker William Freaney, the Gateway Defensive Player of the Year. The Panthers have been disappointing in the playoffs the last two years, but this could be the year that championship comes to Cedar Falls.

2. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

LOCATION: Carbondale, IL.
STADIUM: McAndrew Stadium (17,324).
COACH: Bob Smith (11-22 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (4-2 in Gateway, tied 2nd).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 40.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Yonel Jourdain, FB; Justin Roebuck, WR; Mike Strickland, G; Scott Gabbert, QB; Ron Moran, LB; Clint Smothers, FS; Scott Walker, CB; Greg Brown, TB; J.J. Chaney, CB; Ed Senter, LB.

OUTLOOK: The Salukis were the second most improved team in all of Division I last year, moving up to 7-4 after being 2-9 in 1990. They have 13 starters back from that team, six on offense and seven on defense. Scott Gabbert will return to the starting job at quarterback. He was the starter in 1989 and threw for 1,338 yards, but lost the job to Brian Downey the last two years. Justin Roebuck was second in the league in receptions and yards receiving (42-647), and the Salukis have a strong corps of running backs in Yonel Jourdain, Greg Brown, Anthony Perry and William Tolen. The secondary will be the strength of defense led by cornerbacks Scott Walker and J.J. Chaney and safety Clint Smothers.

3. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

LOCATION: Springfield, MO.
STADIUM: Briggs Stadium (17,500).
COACH: Jesse Branch (38-28-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-4 (3-3 in Gateway, 4th place).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Aaron Smith, CB; Matt Irvin, G; Jonah White, FB; Anthony Pegues, TB; Chuck Galhoun, WR; Travis Ezard, WR; Cleveland Antoine, QB; Ken Whittaker, QB; Stephen Levels, LB; Richard Grote, K.

OUTLOOK: The Bears, too, are experienced on offense with seven starters back, but inexperienced on defense with only three returning. Coach Jesse Branch's offense will once again feature the option. Last year the Bears led the Gateway with 236.9 yards rushing per game. Cleveland Antoine and Ken Whittaker may both be used to replace quarterback Paul Carney, both played a year ago. The leading rusher is back, Jonah White (555 yards, nine TDs), as is the leading receiver, Anthony Pegues (31-406). The best player on the team, and maybe in the conference, is cornerback Aaron Smith. The junior led the conference last year with seven interceptions.

4. WESTERN ILLINOIS

LOCATION: Macomb, IL.
STADIUM: Hanson Field (15,000).
COACH: Randy Ball (10-12-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4-1 (4-2 in Gateway, tied 2nd; lost to Marshall in overtime in the Division I-AA playoffs, 20-17).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 35

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Donnie Simmons, QB; Lance Earl, WR; Josh Moulden, TE; Demers Johnson, WR; Jim Hansen, G; Richard Huddleston, G; Matt Seman, K; Ken McMillan, LB; Marc Payton, CB; Rodney Harmon, FS.

OUTLOOK: The Leathernecks were the surprise of the conference, going from 3-8 in 1990 to 7-4-1 last year and a spot in the Division I-AA playoffs. They'll find it hard to match last year's results, though, since only nine starters return, and two of those are kickers. Quarterback Donnie Simmons, third in the league in passing efficiency, is back, though, and he has a solid group of receivers. Lance Earl, Demers Johnson, Steve Decker, Steve Ross and Fabien Bownes. Ken McMillan, first-team All-American by the Sports Network, will lead the defense from his linebacker spot. However, the Leathernecks lost their entire defensive line from a squad that was sixth in the nation in total defense. Tackle Shane Branton should fill one of the spots.

5. ILLINOIS STATE

LOCATION: Normal, IL.
STADIUM: Hancock Stadium (15,000).
COACH: Jim Heacock (16-28 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6 (1-5 in Gateway, 7th place).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 28.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Toby Davis, TB; Adrian Wilson, QB; Brent Haar, C; Brian Brown, TE; Cameron Bair, K; Clint Cullen, DT; Rob Wendlick, DT; Mike Williams, LB; Franklin Young, WR; Renaldo Gallagher, KR.

OUTLOOK: The Redbirds have nine starters back on offense, including senior tailback Toby Davis, who ran for 1,169 yards in 10 games last year. Quarterback Adrian Wilson led the conference in total offense and completed over 56 percent of his passes a year ago. Brian Brown led conference tight ends in catches and receiving yards. He's considered Illinois State's top pro prospect. The defense lost eight full- or part-time starters with the secondary being hit the hardest. Clint Cullen and Rob Wendlick anchor the defensive line, and linebacker Mike Williams was second on the team in tackles before being injured in the eighth game last year. If the defense comes around, the Redbirds could be a factor.

6. EASTERN ILLINOIS

LOCATION: Charleston, IL.
STADIUM: O'Brien Stadium (10,000).
COACH: Bob Spoo (28-29 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (2-4 in Gateway, tied 5th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jeff Thorne, QB; Brad Fichtel, C; Dan Dee, DT; Dan Purcell, OT; Edson Castillo, TB; Mike Rummell, SE; Martin Ellens, SE; Derrick Lane, LB; Shannon Sutton, CB; Eric Dircks, SS.

OUTLOOK: The Panthers are one of many teams in the conference that have numerous stars returning on offense, but need to fill several key spots on defense. Junior quarterback Jeff Thorne was second team all-conference last year, throwing for 1,920 yards and was fifth in the nation in pass efficiency. Tailback Jamie Jones (1,403 yards) has graduated, but Edson Castillo rushed for 542 yards and ran for nine touchdowns last year. The offensive line is anchored by 6-3, 275-pound senior Brad Fichtel, a second-team All-American selection by the Sports Network. On defense, of last year's top five tacklers, only tackle Dan Dee returns. Unless Coach Bob Spoo can find adequate replacements, EIU is destined for the bottom half of the division.

7. INDIANA STATE

LOCATION: Terre Haute, IN.
STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (20,500).
COACH: Dennis Raetz (64-69-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6 (2-4 in Gateway, tied 5th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 31

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Kip Hennelly, QB; Von Ganaway, TB-SS; Robert Egidi, OT; Demetrius Dowler, WR; David Sharbaugh, C; Steve Kneger, K-P; Dyrrah Christon, NG; Kenneth Mullen, FS; Bruce Bridgewater, OLB; David Wright, TB.

OUTLOOK: The Sycamores were probably hurt most by graduation as All-American tailback Derrick Franklin (1,505 yards), and nine defensive starters are gone. Coach Dennis Raetz does have his starting quarterback returning for the first time in four years, junior Kip Hennelly, who passed for 899 yards and ran for 463 after taking over midseason. Junior Von Ganaway, who has started on defense the past two years, could take over at tailback. Raetz has called him the best athlete on the team the last two years. Ganaway could remain on defense if redshirt freshman David Wright, who had a good spring, continues to improve. Defensive linemen Dyrrah Christon and free safety Ken Mullen are the only starters back on defense.

By Jerry Price
Trenton (NJ) Times

There'll be a changing of the guard in Ivy League football this season. A team other than Dartmouth should win the title. This year it'll be Princeton. Why? It's the most experienced of the group, and the Tigers have a running game that's one of the nation's best. Coaches have long said you won't win in the Ivy League unless you have some thoroughbreds, and the Tigers have Keith Elias, the league's premier rusher. The big mystery in the Ivy League is "Who Will Finish Second." Likely stars for this role are Harvard, which returns three starters who each had more than 100 carries last season, and Dartmouth, which is seeking its third straight Ivy title, but without most of its pivotal players. The league also will see the debut of Head Coach John Lyons, who takes over the hot seat at Dartmouth. He has the unenviable task of following in the footsteps of Buddy Teevens, the league's most successful coach.

ALL-IVY

OFFENSE: QB Mike Giardi, Harvard; RB Keith Elias, Princeton; RB Robb Hirsch, Harvard; WR Michael Lerch, Princeton; WR Mike Jamin, Cornell; TE John Massy, Cornell; OT Chris Theiss, Princeton; OT Lance Brackee, Dartmouth; OG J.C. Stille, Princeton; OG Bart Newman, Yale; C Troy Thompson, Cornell; K Mike Cochrane, Cornell; KR Chris Theiss, Princeton.
DEFENSE: DL Erik Lee, Yale; DL Brian Kazan, Princeton; DL Reggie Harris, Princeton; DL Fred Howard, Yale; LB Des Werthman, Columbia; LB Aaron Harris, Princeton; LB Chris Zingo, Cornell; DB Rick Britton, Brown; DB Chris Pillsbury, Harvard; DB Jason Fell, Dartmouth; DB Maceo Grant, Pennsylvania; P Rob Sims, Pennsylvania.

1. PRINCETON

LOCATION: Princeton, NJ
STADIUM: Palmer Stadium (45,725).
COACH: Steve Tocchini (30-19-1 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-2 (2nd place).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 12
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Keith Elias, RB; Erick Hamilton, RB; Mike Lerch, WR; Chris Theiss, OT; J.C. Stille, OG; Brian Kazan, DE; Reggie Harris, DT; Jim Renna, DT; Aaron Harris, LB; Brian Mangano, DB
OUTLOOK: Princeton's Keith Elias figures to be the league's top runner, and he and backfield mate Erick Hamilton have an army of people to block for them. It starts with fullback Peter Bailey, and it includes top linemen Chris Theiss and J.C. Stille. The defense gained valuable experience last year, and it returns three junior linemen, led by Brian Kazan, who form as tough an up-front as the league has. That doesn't even include linebacker Aaron Harris, probably the team's best defensive player, and three of four returning starters in the secondary. Question marks include quarterback and the kicking game, but whoever replaces Chad Roghair as the QB will have the league's best wide receiver to throw to in Michael Lerch.

2. HARVARD

LOCATION: Cambridge, MA.
STADIUM: Harvard Stadium (37,289).
COACH: Joe Ristic (111-83-6 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-5-1 (3rd place).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 19.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Mike Giardi, QB; Robb Hirsch, RB; Knedrick Joyce, RB; Colby Maher, WR; Jeff Landry, OL; Philip Furse, DL; Paul Dean, DL; J.J. Vasquez, LB; Monte Giese, LB; Robert Santos, DB; Chris Pillsbury, DB.
OUTLOOK: Last year a slow start took the Crimson out of the league race early. This year's team doesn't figure to have that problem, especially with junior quarterback Mike Giardi. A master of Harvard's Multi-Flex offense, Giardi scored 13 touchdowns a year ago and guided a highly balanced offense. He has Robb Hirsch and Knedrick Joyce to run the ball, and all three had over 100 carries last year. The offensive and defensive line return one starter each, but the linebackers are solid. The secondary is one of the league's best, led by Chris Pillsbury and Robert Santos.

3. DARTMOUTH

LOCATION: Hanover, NH.
STADIUM: Memorial Field (20,416).
COACH: John Lyons (0-0, first year as head coach).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-2-1 (1st place).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 31
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jay Fielder, QB; Gregory Hoffmeister, RB; Neal Marten, RB; Matt Brzica, WR; Lance Brackee, OL; Gerald LaMontagne, DL; George Neos, LB; Mike Phillips, LB; Jason Fell, DB
OUTLOOK: The Big Green graduated 13 starters from last year's team, including Bushnell Cup winner Al Rosier and his 1,432 yards. There's reason for this team to be optimistic about its chances for a third straight title. Jay Fielder, last year's league sophomore of the year, displaced the previous year's winner, Matt Brzica, at quarterback. Brzica slid over to wide receiver, where he led the team in receptions. Lance Brackee and Princeton's Theiss are the two best offensive linemen in the league, but Brackee (6-6, 285) is the team's only returning starter up front. Graduation took a heavy toll defensively.

4. CORNELL

LOCATION: Ithaca, NY.
STADIUM: Schoellkopf Field (27,000).
COACH: Jim Hoffer (12-8 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-5 (tied 4th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 27.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Bill Lazor, QB; Scott Oliaro, RB; Matt Speicher, RB; Mike Jamin, WR; Scott Reade, OT; Chris Zingo, LB; Mark Maiko, DT; Ethan Levitas, CB; Mike Cochrane, K.
OUTLOOK: Cornell looked like the favorite last year, but injuries wiped out any chance this team had. The running game was supposed to be the strength, but Cornell slipped to seventh in the league in rushing after its top two backs were injured. One of those two returns in Scott Oliaro, and he joins Matt Speicher, making them both the top running threats. Quarterback Bill Lazor had a good sophomore year, and he joins this experienced backfield. Scott Reade is the best on the offensive line, and there are also holes to fill defensively. Chris Zingo was one of the league's top sophomores last year, and he returns at linebacker.

5. YALE

LOCATION: New Haven, CT.
STADIUM: Yale Bowl (70,896).
COACH: Carm Cozza (24-10 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-4 (tied 4th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 19.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: David Kelley, RB; David Sheronas, RB; Matt Fahmey, RB; Eric Strachan, OL; Bart Newman, OL; Andy Walker, OL; Carl Ricca, LB; Erik Lee, DT; Fred Howard, DL; Mark McKane, LB; Kevin Hill, DB.
OUTLOOK: Last year's top two players were quarterback Nick Crawford and RB Chris Kouri, who accounted for 2,215 of Yale's 2,948 rushing yards while winning first-team all-league honors. Both are gone. Yale has almost no experience at either position this year, though a strong offensive line figures to help matters. The defense should be fairly strong, especially up front. Carl Ricca, a linebacker, could be the league's best sophomore.

6. PENNSYLVANIA

LOCATION: Philadelphia, PA.
STADIUM: Franklin Field (60,546).
COACH: Al Bagnoli (86-19 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-8 (6th place).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 27.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Rob Sims, P; Sundata Rush, RB; Damian Jones, RB; Terrance Stokes, RB; Fitz McKinnon, QB; Jim McGeehan, QB; Mike Baker, WR; Chris Brassell, WR; Andy Berlin, LB; Maceo Grant, CB.
OUTLOOK: This may be the end of the lean years. Penn has a loaded sophomore class, one which didn't lose a game to an Ivy League team on the freshman level last year. It'll probably take that class this year to get acquainted with the varsity, and it all looks good after that. Penn has a first-year coach, Al Bagnoli, who built Union into a Division III power for 10 years. He has solid skill position players on this team, but the offensive line and the defense need attention.

7. BROWN

LOCATION: Providence, RI.
STADIUM: Brown Stadium (20,000).
COACH: Mickey Kwiatkowski (71-44 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-9 (tied 7th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jeff Barrett, QB; Brett Brown, RB; Bruce Smith, RB; Rene Ovalle, WR; Chris Cady, WR; Michael Adams, C; Mackenzie Davis, DL; Bill O'Brien, DL; Chris Gordon, LB; Brian Davis, LB; Rick Britton, DB.
OUTLOOK: Brown was easily the most entertaining team in the league, with its games averaging 37.2-22.7. Unfortunately for the Bears, they were the 22.7 part. Brown has been the top passing team in the league in both of Mickey Kwiatkowski's two years as coach, but it was also last in total defense both times. The Bears figure to have weapons offensively again; the question is stopping the other guys.

8. COLUMBIA

LOCATION: New York, NY.
STADIUM: Wien Stadium (16,500).
COACH: Ray Lellier (27-53-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-9 (tied 7th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 29.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Des Werthman, LB; Mike Sardo, WR; Scott Sprivey, WR; Joe Hill, DB; Tim Hawkes, DB.
OUTLOOK: Start with this. Columbia's Des Werthman is pound for pound the best player in the league. Unfortunately, the 5-10, 215-pound linebacker can't do it by himself. Columbia is no longer national news when it wins a game, and the Lions haven't had a winless season since 1987. The flip side is there hasn't been a winning season since 1971 or an Ivy title in 31 years. Columbia this year could be more of the same: There are some good players, but there just isn't enough depth.

By Gene Bryson
Wilmington (DE) News Journal

Little will change in the race for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football championship in 1992. Delaware State, Florida A&M and North Carolina A&T, which have finished in the top three in the league each of the last two years, will probably be the top contenders this season. All three favorites must overcome the loss of key figures from the last two seasons.

North Carolina A&T must replace quarterback Connell Maynor, a two-time MEAC Player of the Year, and Florida A&M must replace record-setting passer Tony Ezell.

Delaware State, which ranked second in Division I-AA in rushing, lost its top three rushers and four starters on the offensive line. Look for the Hornets, who attempted just 86 passes last year, to go to the air more.

At Bethune-Cookman former Miami Dolphins' star Larry Little resigned after nine seasons as head coach and was replaced by Sylvester Collins, a former Jackson State assistant.

ALL-MID-EASTERN

OFFENSE: QB Erik Jones, Delaware State; RB Dean Noel, Delaware State; RB Barry Turner, North Carolina A&T; WR Terry Mickens, Florida A&M; WR Gary Harrell, Howard; TE Herbert Shuler, South Carolina State; T Kwame Kilpatrick, Florida A&M; T Eric Funderburk, South Carolina State; G Stanley Burris, Delaware State; G Robert Holley, North Carolina A&T; C Wally Williams, Florida A&M; K Jon Jensen, Delaware State; KR Gary Harrell, Howard.

DEFENSE: DL Knox Thompson, North Carolina A&T; DL LeRoy Thompson, Delaware State; DL James Spears, Howard; DL Matthew Steepie, Morgan State; LB Jeremy Faulkner, South Carolina State; LB James Redding, Delaware State; LB Rodney Edwards, North Carolina A&T; CB Alonza Barnett, North Carolina A&T; CB Keino Taylor, Florida A&M; S Brian Randall, Delaware State; S William Carroll, Florida A&M; P Chuck Poplos, Delaware State.

1. DELAWARE STATE

LOCATION: Dover, DE
STADIUM: Alumni Stadium (5,000).
COACH: Bill Collick (53-21 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-2 (5-1 in MEAC).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 47.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Erik Jones, QB; Dean Noel, RB; Dakiel Shorts, RB; Corey Barrow, WR; Kevin Lee, T; Stanley Burris, G; Thane Watkins, C; LeRoy Thompson, DE; Craig Johnson, DE; James Moore, LB; James Redding, LB; Marc Marshall, DB; Brian

Randall, DB; Jon Jensen, K; Chuck Poplos, P.
OUTLOOK: The Hornets ranked second in Division I-AA in rushing last season, but Bill Collick must replace three starting running backs and four starters on the offensive line. Delaware State should win the title if young running backs come through. Erik Jones is the MEAC's best running QB, but he completed just 23 passes last season. Dean Noel and Dakiel Shorts will head the running game. DE LeRoy Thompson led the MEAC with 16 sacks, and safety Brian Randall is a standout in the secondary.

2. NORTH CAROLINA A&T

LOCATION: Greensboro, NC.
STADIUM: Aggie Stadium (17,500).
COACH: Bill Hayes (114-59-2 overall/25-19 in four seasons at N.C. A&T).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-2 (5-1 in MEAC).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Barry Turner, RB; James White, RB; Rudy Artis, WR; Tyrone Brown, T; Patrick Horne, T; Spencer Hamilton, G; Robert Holley, G; Richard Lide, C; Knox Thompson, DT; Greg Brown, DT; Rodney Edwards, LB; Alonza Barnett, DB; Sam Davis, DB; Tommie McKoy, DB.

OUTLOOK: Most of the Aggies' hopes will rest on finding a replacement for QB Connell Maynor, a two-time MEAC Player of the Year. The change at quarterback probably leaves the Aggies in second place. With a veteran offensive line and Barry Turner and James White, who ranked second and third in the MEAC in rushing last season, the ground game will be strong. Three Aggie defensive linemen were All-MEAC last season, but Knox Thompson is the only returnee. Alonza Barnett and Sam Davis head an experienced secondary.

3. FLORIDA A&M

LOCATION: Tallahassee, FL.
STADIUM: Bragg (25,500).
COACH: Ken Riley (36-27-2 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5 (3-3 in MEAC).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Pat Reddick, RB; Chuck Duffey, RB; James Thurman, WR; Tim Daniel, WR; Terry Mickens, WR; Ivory Dillard, T; Kwame Kilpatrick, T; Timothy Green, G; Leon Skilens, G; Wally Williams, C; Marcus Lampkin, DT; Lee Greene, LB; Ealon Conner, LB; Keino Taylor, DB; Ken Riley, DB; William Carroll, DB.

OUTLOOK: Ken Riley's top priority is finding a replacement for QB Tony Ezell, who rewrote most of the Rattlers' passing records. The once-explosive passing game may suffer with a new quarterback. RB Chuck Duffey led the MEAC in scoring last season, and Terry Mickens and Tim Daniel head a dangerous corps of receivers. There will be new faces on the defensive line, but five starters return at linebacker and in the secondary.

4. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

LOCATION: Orangeburg, SC.
STADIUM: Bulldog Stadium (14,000).
COACH: Willie Jeffries (117-84-6 overall/66-29-4 in nine years at S.C. State).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (3-3 in MEAC).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Marshall Marvin, QB; Antonio Mackey, RB; Kenny Gathers, RB; Herbert Shuler, TE; Quincy Miller, WR; Rodney

Hunter, WR; Eric Funderburk, T; Lawrence Burth, T; Carnell Carter, G; Damien Moses, DT; Craig James, LB; Jeremy Faulkner, LB; Joe Montford, LB; Eugene Brown, DB; Vernon Grier, DB; Todd Logan, DB.

OUTLOOK: With a mammoth offensive line and All-MEAC tailback Antonio Mackey returning, the Bulldogs will again be one of the league's top rushing teams. Marshall Marvin, a strong runner who needs work as a passer, emerged as the starting quarterback last season. Seven starters are back on a defense that was among I-AA's statistical leaders, but the group will miss All-MEAC performers Robert Porcher at end and Ricky Hill at safety.

5. BETHUNE-COOKMAN

LOCATION: Daytona Beach, FL.
STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (10,000).
COACH: Sylvester Collins (1st season).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-6 (3-3 in MEAC).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 33.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: J.D. Hall, QB; Willie Caesar, RB; Kevin McLean, RB; Keith Griffin, T; Andre Raglin, G; Edmund Lews, G; Anthony Bingham, C; Curtis Davis, DT; John Coy, LB; Reggie Roberts, LB; James W. Gaffall, LB; Vidal Mills, DB; Mark Harrington, DB; Julius Gordon, DB.

OUTLOOK: Sylvester Collins, a former quarterback and receivers coach at Jackson State, replaces Larry Little as head coach. QB J.D. Hall, who helped the Wildcats lead the MEAC in passing last season, is back; but last year's top three receivers must be replaced. The Wildcats ranked last in the MEAC in rushing last season, averaging 86 yards per game. On defense the line must be rebuilt, but six starters return at linebacker and in the secondary.

6. HOWARD

LOCATION: Washington, DC.
STADIUM: Greene Stadium (7,500).
COACH: Steve Wilson (10-17 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9 (1-5 in MEAC).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 37.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Brooks Cawley, T; Robert Carpenter, G; Dante Reid, C; James Spears, DE; Robert Winters, LB; Tim Watson, DB.

OUTLOOK: After going 8-3 in Steve Wilson's first season, the Bison have gone steadily backwards. Wilson was unable to settle on a quarterback last year, and the position appears wide-open again. Quarterback woes will keep a two-year slide going. Veterans at running back and on the offensive line should give Howard a solid ground game. Only three starters are back on a defense that ranked next to last in the MEAC last season.

7. MORGAN STATE

LOCATION: Baltimore, MD.
STADIUM: Hughes Stadium (10,000).
COACH: Ricky Diggs (1-10 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-10 (1-5 in MEAC).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 41.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Orlando Persell, QB; Donte Carter, WR; Jeffrey Myers, OT; Monjah Brown, DT.

OUTLOOK: The Bears improved tremendously last season under first-year coach Ricky Diggs. Orlando Persell showed promise as a passer, giving the Bears hope they can improve on last year's league-low 230 yards and 11 points per game. Defensively, seven starters return from a group that ranked last in the league against the run and gave up 38 points per game. The team is making progress in rebuilding, but isn't ready to move higher.

By Rick Bailey
Lexington (KY) Herald-Leader

Middle Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky are still the class of the OVC, and the rest of the league is trailing behind. It has been this way for the last 11 years with either Eastern or Middle, or both, winning or sharing the crown.

Morehead State and Austin Peay could emerge from the middle of the pack to finish a solid third. But the balance of power won't shift much. Tennessee-Martin is the new "kid" in the league, joining the OVC one year after Southeast Missouri was added.

ALL-OHIO

OFFENSE: QB James Wade, Tennessee State; RB Markus Thomas, Eastern Kentucky; RB Darrin Harris, Morehead State; WR Vince Parks, Middle Tennessee; WR Patrick Robinson, Tennessee State; TE Steve Dark, Middle Tennessee; OT Steve McAdoo, Middle Tennessee; OT Robert Moorman, Tennessee State; OG Marcus Perry, Murray State; OG Roger Brown, Tennessee-Martin; C Brandon Norman, Southeast Missouri; K Garth Petrilli, Middle Tennessee; KR Samy Hillman, Austin Peay.

DEFENSE: DL Chad Bratzke, Eastern Kentucky; DL Randy Houston, Middle Tennessee; DL Mike Caldwell, Middle Tennessee; DL Shane Queen, Tennessee Tech; LB Elliot Pilton, Tennessee State; LB Fred Johnson, Morehead State; LB Melvin Aldridge, Murray State; CB Tyrone Fisher, Morehead State; CB Jamie Redmond, Middle Tennessee; S James Chinn, Southeast Missouri; S Fred Moton, Eastern Kentucky; P Colin Godfrey, Tennessee State.

1. MIDDLE TENNESSEE

LOCATION: Murfreesboro, TN
STADIUM: Floyd Stadium (15,000).
COACH: James "Boots" Donnelly (109-62 overall/95-55 at Middle Tennessee)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-4 (6-1 in OVC, 2nd place; 1-1 in playoffs, defeating Sam Houston State 20-19 and losing to Eastern Kentucky 23-13).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 35

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Kelly Holcomb, QB; Walter Dunson, RB; Vince Parks, WR, Randy Houston, DG; Mike Caldwell, DE; Jamie Redmond, CB, Jabbar Troutman, LB.

OUTLOOK: Freshman quarterback Kelly Holcomb emerged to lead the Blue Raiders to the playoff quarter-finals. The defensive line was decimated, but Donnelly hopes younger talent will gain experience quickly. Two-year All-American offensive tackle Steve McAdoo does return. Walter Dunson, Campbell's understudy, should step into a starring role at running back.

2. EASTERN KENTUCKY

LOCATION: Richmond, KY.
STADIUM: Roy Kidd Stadium (20,000)
COACH: Roy Kidd (230-81-8 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 12-2 (7-0 in OVC, champions; 2-1 in playoffs, defeating Appalachian State 14-3 and Middle Tennessee 23-13 and losing to Marshall 14-7 in I-AA semifinals)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Markus Thomas, TB, Joey Crenshaw QB; Kenny McCollum; WR, Chad Bratzke, DT; Ara Jackson, LB, Fred Moton, SS; Kelvin Ford, DE, Glenn Williams, CB

OUTLOOK: Quarterback Joey Crenshaw appealed for and received an extra year of eligibility from the NCAA, and his return is a big plus, according to Coach Roy Kidd. Ron Jones also will receive snaps. The easiest job for Crenshaw and Jones will be handing the ball to tail back Markus Thomas, the OVC's Offensive Player of the Year in '91. The problem is there are three starters missing from the Colonels' offensive line—and four starters absent from the defensive front.

3. MOREHEAD STATE

LOCATION: Morehead, KY
STADIUM: Jayne Stadium (10,000).
COACH: Cole Proctor (9-13 at Morehead)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (3-4 in OVC, tied 3rd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Darrin Harris, RB; Anthony Jerdine, RB, Jesse Olverson, TE, Tom Svobodny, OL; Rodney Harris, WR, Fred Johnson, LB; Richard Shadwick, DL, Tyrone Fisher, CB, Lawrence Gore, S; Jamie Phillips, LB

OUTLOOK: Cole Proctor's Eagles overcame a horrendous start last year to finish 4-7 and 3-4 in the OVC. Although quarterback Steve Donato returns, the job seems to be between redshirt players Jeremy Holbrook and Matt Bloemer. Leading rusher and receiver Darrin Harris is bidding for All-OVC honors. Several key defenders also return, including tackle Richard Shadwick, linebacker Fred Johnson and cornerback Tyrone Fisher.

4. AUSTIN PEAY

LOCATION: Clarksville, TN
STADIUM: Municipal Stadium (10,000)
COACH: Roy Gregory (5-6 at Austin Peay).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6 (3-4 in OVC, tied 3rd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Reggie Williams, QB; Jody Smith, FB; Jamie Spicer, RB; Samy Hillman, RB-KR, Richard Darden, DL, Bunky Beasley, LB; Calen Yeldon, LB.

OUTLOOK: Governor coach Roy Gregory is hoping for "another step up the ladder" after his team ended two winless seasons with a 5-6 record last fall. Senior QB Reggie Williams hopes to avoid last year's injury woes. There's plenty of experience in the backfield with three players returning. The offensive line has experience. Richard Darden anchors the defensive line. The linebacking corps could be the Gobs' strength.

5. SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

LOCATION: Cape Girardeau, MO.
STADIUM: Houck Stadium (10,000)
COACH: John Mumford (10-11 at SEMO).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8 (3-4 in OVC, tied 3rd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 35.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jason Liley, QB, Kelvin Anderson, RB; Antoine Esters, RB; Aaron Layton, WR, James Chinn, FS; Joe Davis, LB, Chris Pickett, NG

OUTLOOK: The Southeast Missouri offense set six school records in the Indians' debut season in the OVC and Division I-AA. QB Jason Liley, a star in '90, was injured and relegated to backup duty, but he's back this fall. Free safety James Chinn led the OVC with six interceptions and heads seven starters returning on his side of the line. Three-year starter Chris Pickett anchors the line at nose guard.

6. MURRAY STATE

LOCATION: Murray, KY
STADIUM: Stewart Stadium (16,800)
COACH: Mike Mahoney (21-32-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8 (1-6 in OVC, 8th place)

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 33

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Tremain Lewis, QB; Dave Cox, FB; David Redmond, SE, Wayne McGowan, TB, Melvin Aldridge, LB, Kevin Gibbs, DE; Steve Rokusek, DT.

OUTLOOK: Fourteen starters return to give the Racers the nucleus to recover from two straight disastrous seasons. Depth will be a problem, though, and could determine Murray's success. Tremain Lewis returns as one of the OVC's best quarterbacks and could lift Murray from the bottom to the middle of the pack. Sophomore Wayne McGowan led Murray in rushing as a rookie. Melvin Aldridge returns at linebacker as his team's "big play" man.

7. TENNESSEE TECH

LOCATION: Cookeville, TN.
STADIUM: Tucker Stadium (16,500).
COACH: Jim Ragland (18-46 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9 (2-5 in OVC, tied 6th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Willie Queen, RB, Marrio Thomas, LB, Shane Queen, DE, Maurice Draine, LB; Mike Stewart, DB.

OUTLOOK: Coach Jim Ragland hopes to choose between Darnay Taylor, Randy Beaman and Mike Jones at quarterback. However, Tech's offensive line is a weak link. Two junior college players will help. The defense should be decent. Most of the starters return from the OVC's third-best defense, including end Shane Queen, linebackers Maurice Draine and Marrio Thomas and defensive back Mike Stewart.

8. TENNESSEE STATE

LOCATION: Nashville, TN
STADIUM: W.J. Hale Stadium (18,000).
COACH: Joe Gilliam Sr. (17-30-2 overall/15-17-1 at TSU).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8 (2-5 in OVC, tied 6th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 35.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: James Wade, QB; Patrick Robinson, WR, Robert Moorman, OT, Chad McCollum, RB, Randy Fuller, CB; Armond Singleton, UT; Perry Hall, LB.

OUTLOOK: All-OVC QB James Wade returns. Patrick Robinson, Wade's main target, also returns. TSU's concern is the absence of three starters on the offensive line. Moreover, the Tigers' must develop a running attack. The TSU defense allowed the most yards in school history last year, and the main areas of concern are on the line and at linebacker.

9. TENNESSEE-MARTIN

LOCATION: Martin, TN
STADIUM: Pacer Stadium (7,500)
COACH: Don McLeary (40-46 overall/30-38 at UT-Martin).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 31

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Roger Brown, OG; Charles Malone, WR; Scott Stidham, WR, Tyrone Lattimore, LB; Dewayne Harper, DB, Todd Shanks, LB.

OUTLOOK: If Tennessee-Martin's record had counted, the Pacers would've been third in the OVC last year. They were 4-3 against current league foes. Coach Don McLeary's first job is to replace departed quarterback Leonard Williams and his 24 scoring passes. Finding a running back also is a priority. Depth is needed in the offensive and defensive lines and in the secondary.

By Bill Doherty

Holy Cross first-year head coach Peter Vaas laughs when he's asked the question: Why would anyone in his right mind leave a job as the quarterbacks and running backs coach at Notre Dame, where there's a quarterback like Rick Mirer and a bruising runner like Jerome Bettis to make you look like an offensive genius?

He says the opportunity to return to his alma mater, traditional Division I-AA powerhouse Holy Cross, was too much to resist.

But it's not like he's leaving the Golden Dome for Nowhere State. In the past six seasons under former head coach Mark Duffner, the Crusaders have compiled a 60-5-1 record. They own the nation's longest winning streak (20) entering the '92 season.

Vaas has holes to fill with 14 starters gone from last year's 11-0 team. All of these new faces will only feed the annual "this is the year the Crusaders lose the Patriot League crown" refrain. Warning: Don't bet against Holy Cross. The Crusaders—who've won five of the last six Patriot League titles—always seem to find a way to get replacement parts.

ALL-PATRIOT

OFFENSE: QB Jim Russell, Colgate; RB Erik Marsh, Lafayette; RB Bill Sparacio, Colgate; WR Tom Garlick, Fordham; WR David Berardnelli, Bucknell; TE Ron Hooley, Holy Cross; OT Jeff Hart, Bucknell; OT Chris Bellucci, Lafayette; OG Dave Pyne, Lafayette; OG Eric Rutter, Bucknell; C Carlos Mollinedo, Colgate; K Jason McLaughlin, Lafayette; KR Mark Lookenbill, Lehigh.

DEFENSE: DL John Powell, Holy Cross; DL Tom McDonald, Holy Cross; DL John Lusk, Bucknell; DL Paul Schultheis, Colgate; LB Mark Blazejewski, Fordham; LB Rob Milanette, Holy Cross; LB Kevin McManus, Lafayette; DB Mike Wilt, Fordham; DB Brad Jordan, Fordham; DB Chris Tirone, Fordham; DB Adam Ciperski, Lehigh; P Jeff Meader, Holy Cross.

1. HOLY CROSS

LOCATION: Worcester, MA
STADIUM: Fitton Field (23,500)
COACH: Peter Vaas (29-11-1 overall/first year at Holy Cross)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 11-0 (5-0 in Patriot).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 28
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Tom McDonald, DT; John Powell, DE; Rob Milanette, LB; Marcus Duckworth, LB; Ron Hooley, TE; Shawn Sierra, RB; Joe Gallagher, WR; Al Hebron, WR; Matt Warth, OG; Jeff Meader, P

OUTLOOK: Without an experienced quarterback to replace the record-setting Tom Ciaccio, new

head coach Peter Vaas will change the Crusaders' offensive scheme from the run 'n' shoot to the I formation. "With only three starters back on offense, the key to our season will be whether we can maintain our confidence while making the difficult transition from the run 'n' shoot to the I," says Vaas. The good news is he'll have a strong defense to rely on while his new offense gels. Defensive linemen Tom McDonald and John Powell as well as linebackers Rob Milanette and Marcus Duckworth will anchor what should be a stingy unit.

2. LAFAYETTE

LOCATION: Easton, PA.
STADIUM: Fisher Field (13,750)
COACH: Bill Russo (81-66-1 overall/66-51-1 in 12 years at Lafayette)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5 (3-2, tied 2nd)
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Tom Kirchhoff, QB, Erik Marsh, RB, Chris Bellucci, OT; Dave Pyne, OG, Ed Hudak, OG, Kevin McManus, LB, Shawn Carter, FS; Dave Gash, DL; Eddie Albert, DL

OUTLOOK: The preseason choice of Patriot League coaches to win the league crown. Lafayette football fans have already circled Nov. 7 on the calendars. On that date the Leopards host Holy Cross in a game that should decide the Patriot League. Lafayette should be an explosive offensive team with senior quarterback Tom Kirchhoff (163 for 297, 2,111 yards and 14 TDs in '91) and sophomore tailback Erik Marsh, the 1991 Patriot League Rookie of the Year, both returning. Defensively, the Leopards return eight starters from a unit that led the Patriot League in takeaways last season (37). The question is whether they can make the big takeaway this year—the Patriot League crown from Holy Cross.

3. COLGATE

LOCATION: Hamilton, NY
STADIUM: Andy Kerr Stadium (10,221)
COACH: Mike Foley (17-27 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (3-2, tied 2nd).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 37
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Greg Kuchar, OG, Carlos Mollinedo, C, Joe Napoli, RB, Paul Schultheis, DL, Ron Ransom, DB; Frank Giacini, LB; Kevin Scheffler, LB, Greg Orso, DL.

OUTLOOK: Senior QB Jim Russell is perhaps the most dangerous offensive player in the Patriot League. He can strike on the ground or through the air. Last season Russell finished 16th in the nation in total offense (239.16 yards per game), while connecting on 172 of 296 passes (58.1 percent) for 2,166 yards and nine touchdowns. Bill Sparacio, a preseason first-team all-Patriot League choice, is back after rushing for 828 yards and 11 TDs last season. But the key to the Red Raiders season will be its ability to fill holes, particularly along the offensive line and in the defensive secondary.

4. LEHIGH

LOCATION: Bethlehem, PA.
STADIUM: Goodman Stadium (16,000).
COACH: Hank Small (37-28-1 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 0-2 (3-2, tied 2nd).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Mark Lookenbill, RB; Shawn McCarthy, TE; Scott Semptimphelter, QB; Jason Cristino, WR; Chuck Endicott, C; Kevin Jefferson, LB; Mike Yadush, LB; Mark Widder, DL; Matt Wylie, DL; Adam Ciperski, DB

OUTLOOK: The Glenn Kampa era is over. Kampa threw for 3,545 yards and a whopping 31 touchdowns as the Engineers went 8-2 last season. With Kampa gone, junior Scott Semptimphelter, who threw only three passes

last season, will go from holding the clipboard to holding Lehigh's fortunes in his hands. Fortunately, the Engineers can rely on running back Mark Lookenbill, a jack-of-all-trades, and a strong offensive line until Semptimphelter develops. The defense appears to be another story. Coach Hank Small must replace seven starters from last year's unit, which allowed 21 points a game. On the plus side, two of the returnees, linebacker Kevin Jefferson and defensive back Adam Ciperski, are top-notch.

5. FORDHAM

LOCATION: Bronx, NY
STADIUM: Jack Coffey Stadium (7,000).
COACH: Larry Glueck (28-32-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-8 (0-5 in Patriot).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Mark Blazejewski, LB; Brad Jordan, FS; Chris Tirone, SS; Mike Wilt, CB; Curt Geisler, DT; Aaron Dougherty, DE; Tom Garlick, WR; Neli Penttinen, C; John Strauss, TE; Rob Birk, OT.

OUTLOOK: From 1987-'88 Fordham was one of the nation's top Division III programs, posting a 19-4 mark. At that point Head Coach Larry Glueck accepted the challenge of moving the program from the Division III level up to Division I-AA. It hasn't been easy. In the three seasons since the step up Fordham has slid, posting a 5-23 mark. Cynics would say it's because they've spent so much time on the field the past two years, but the strength of Fordham's team will be their defense. The Rams defense, led by senior All-American linebacker Mark Blazejewski, should be enough to get them out of the Patriot League basement. Blazejewski was a second-team All-American last season after averaging 14.5 tackles per game. The secondary features three players who should earn all-league honors in junior: Milt Wilt and seniors Brad Jordan and Chris Tirone. Offensively, the Rams return a bevy of experienced runners and the school's all-time leading receiver in senior Tom Garlick (110 career receptions), an All-American candidate. The problem will be getting the ball to Garlick. Of the four players vying for the starting quarterback spot, senior Conrad Clear is the only one with varsity experience.

6. BUCKNELL

LOCATION: Lewisburg, PA.
STADIUM: Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium (13,100).
COACH: Lou Maranzana (13-18 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-9 (1-4 in Patriot).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30
PLAYERS TO WATCH: David Berardnelli, WR; Jeff Hart, OT; Eric Rutter, OG; Matt Walsh, TB; John Lusk, DE; Jarmo Kilpelainen, DT; Hew Woodward, LB; Blaine Fawcett, DB; Travis Kopp, Cecil Boone, DL; Jeff Wal, DB

OUTLOOK: Their stadium is named for one of baseball's all-time great pitchers, Christy Mathewson. And often times it looked like Bucknell's offense was paying tribute to him by putting up numbers that would be lucky to win baseball games, let alone football games. The Bison were shut out once and held in single digits in five other games. If things are to get better this season, the Bison will need sophomore QB Travis Kopp to regain his health. Kopp started the final five games of '91 and completed 59 of 131 throws for 834 yards, including a 304-yard passing performance against Lafayette (the school's single-game passing total in Bucknell history). However, Kopp underwent surgery on his right shoulder and missed spring practice. His recovery is critical for the Bison to avoid the cellar. The Bison were outscored 152-32 in their final four '91 games. Things don't look much better in '92.

The Marshall Thundering Herd made it to the NCAA I-AA playoffs and took off, winning three playoff games in their brand-new 28,000-seat stadium before losing to Youngstown State in the championship game. The Herd would dearly love to return to the title tilt because it will be played on the Marshall campus in Huntington, West Virginia, at state-of-the-art Marshall Stadium.

Standing in the way will be at least four other teams: Furman, Appalachian State, The Citadel and Tennessee-Chattanooga. There will be no easy titles from now on, either—the Southern Conference will become even more difficult to win in 1993 when Georgia Southern enters the league for the first time.

ALL-SOUTHERN

OFFENSE: QB Michael Payton, Marshall; RB Carl Tremble, Furman; RB James Roberts, UTC; WR Scott Dykes, ETSU; WR Troy Brown, Marshall; TE DeMarko Kemp, UTC; OT Chris Deaton, Marshall; OT Carey Cash, Citadel; OG Phil Ratliff, Marshall; OG Todd Harkins, Western Carolina; C Lorenzo Carpenter, VMI; P Harold Alexander, Appalachian State; PK Rob Avriett, The Citadel; KR Troy Brown, Marshall.

DEFENSE: DL Mike Perfetti, VMI; DL Tony Johnson, Western Carolina; DL Avery Hall, Appalachian State; DL Ryan Livezey, Furman; LB Kota Suttle, Furman; LB Rico Mack, ASU; LB Donahue Stephenson, Marshall; DB Jason Grant, Furman; DB Lester Smith, Citadel; DB Maurice Kelly, ETSU; DB Monte Lovelace, UTC.

1. MARSHALL

LOCATION: Huntington, WV
STADIUM: Marshall Stadium (28,000)
COACH: Jim Donnan (17-9 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 11-4 (5-2 in SC, tied 2nd, lost in championship game of NCAA I-AA playoffs to Youngstown State, 25-17).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Donahue Stephenson, LB, Michael Payton, QB; Joe Chirico, DB, Orlando Hatchett, RB, Troy Brown, WR; Phil Ratliff, OL; Glenn Pedro, RB.

OUTLOOK: The Herd has never lost in its new stadium and has a home schedule that's favorable for the school's first-ever outright league championship. The Herd has 15 starters back from last year's national runner-up team, including quarterback Michael Payton, who set a I-AA record for passing efficiency, and dangerous receiver Troy Brown, who scored five touchdowns of 86 yards or longer, including a 99-yard touchdown pass.

2. FURMAN

LOCATION: Greenville, SC
STADIUM: Paladins Stadium (16,000)
COACH: Jimmy Satterfield (55-19-2 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (4-3 in SC, 4th place).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Hugh Swilling, QB; Carl Tremble, TB, Milan Sterling, DE, Ryan Livezey, DE, Robert Beavers, LB, Kota Suttle, LB, Clint Crocker, DT; Jason Grant, DB.

OUTLOOK: A couple of unexpected twists (the knees of Carl Tremble and Jason Grant), coupled with a bad break (Hugh Swilling's hand) dethroned the three-time defending league champion Paladins. The offensive line, one of the school's best, is all gone, and the team has no receivers or kicking game to speak of. With tailback Tremble and quarterback Swilling in the backfield and an improved defense led by Kota Suttle, the Paladins are always a threat to turn their underdog role into the school's 10th league title.

3. APPALACHIAN STATE

LOCATION: Boone, NC.
STADIUM: Kidd Brewer Stadium (18,000).
COACH: Jerry Moore (50-60-2 overall/23-12 in three years at ASU).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-4 (6-1 in SC, 1st place, lost in 1st round of I-AA playoffs to Eastern Kentucky, 14-3).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 38
PLAYERS TO WATCH: D.J. Campbell, QB; Chip Hooks, TB, Ray Gama, WR; Avery Hall, DL, Rico Mack, LB; Brent David, ILB; Harold Alexander, P.

OUTLOOK: How good can a team be if its best player is the punter? Quite good actually, as the Mountaineers proved last year. Harold Alexander, who led I-AA football with a 46.7 yard average, was given credit for ASU's win over Marshall and Furman and is responsible for at least six victories in his three years. The defending conference champs have a veteran cast on both sides of the ball with tackle Avery Hall, defensive end Rico Mack, fullback J.K. Reeves and quarterback D.J. Campbell back for their final season. Last year's Conference Freshman of the Year, running back Chip Hooks, infused some power into the Mountaineers offense, but they still finished next to last in total offense (311.0 yards per game).

4. THE CITADEL

LOCATION: Charleston, SC.
STADIUM: Johnson Hagood Memorial (22,500).
COACH: Charlie Taaffe (24-21-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 overall (5-2 in SC, tied 2nd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jack Douglas, QB, Enck Little, HB; Diamond Boatwright, WR; Lester Smith, FS; Rob Briggs, LB; Torrence Forney, DB; Eric Billingham, P.

OUTLOOK: Coach Charlie Taaffe returns 10 players that were listed as seniors last year, including Jack Douglas, Division I-AA's all-time leading rushing quarterback, who has a chance to catch Stump Mitchell as the school's all-time leading rusher. Douglas led the league in rushing last year with 1,152 yards in 11 games and can do so again running behind a veteran offensive line in the wishbone offense. Also back is defensive enforcer Lester Smith at free safety and offensive tackle Carey Cash, both first-team all-conference selections last year. But the Bulldogs' defensive line was decimated, and Taaffe has to find replacements at nose guard, both tackles and both ends.

5. TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA

LOCATION: Chattanooga, TN
STADIUM: Chamberlain Field (10,501)
COACH: Buddy Nix (42-45-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (4-3 in SC, tied 4th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36
PLAYERS TO WATCH: James Roberts, RB, Kenyon Earl, QB; DeMarko Kemp, TE; Jerry

Elison, RB, Monte Lovelace, DB, David Masterson, LB.

OUTLOOK: Kenyon Earl, as a redshirt freshman, established himself as an impact player last year, passing for 1,643 yards with 14 touchdowns. Going into spring practice, however, Earl had few people to throw to other than tight end DeMarko Kemp. But Earl is solid, and so is running back James Roberts, who shared the glory with Muhammed Shamsid-Deen last year, but has it by himself this year. Roberts had knee surgery in the offseason, but is expected to be at full strength by the fall. The defense is more experienced and should be improved from last year's.

6. WESTERN CAROLINA

LOCATION: Cullowhee, NC.
STADIUM: E.J. Whitmire Stadium (12,000).
COACH: Steve Hodgins (3-17 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9 (2-5 in SC, tied 6th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 44.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Lonnie Galloway, QB; Kevin Thigpen, TB; Kerry Hayes, FL; Phil Shirley, K.

OUTLOOK: The Catamounts may be only a year away from contending for the conference championship, but third-year coach Steve Hodgins doesn't want to get caught looking ahead. Even at 2-9 the Cats showed flashes last year, forcing Marshall to play three overtimes in the longest game in Southern Conference history before losing 27-24.

7. VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

LOCATION: Lexington, VA.
STADIUM: Alumni Memorial (10,000).
COACH: Jim Shuck (10-22-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (2-5 in SC, tied 6th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Tony Scales, QB, Marcus Mines, HB, Chris Meacham, FB, Mike Perfetti, DT; Todd Washington, DB, Curtis Mason, DE; Doug Robinson, SE.

OUTLOOK: Quarterback Tony Scales is an explosive offensive threat from the VMI wishbone attack, and he has a veteran line in front of him, starting with All-America center Lorenzo Carpenter. Two other offensive linemen, Jeff Ciegler and John Minstead, are back for their fifth years, as is hulking tight end Dan Lyle. The Keydets were next to last in total defense and were completely picked apart in the secondary, giving up 256.7 yards passing to opponents, last in the league by more than 60 yards.

8. EAST TENNESSEE STATE

LOCATION: Johnson City, TN.
STADIUM: Memorial Center (12,000).
COACH: Mike Cavan (37-22-2 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-10 (0-7 in SC, 6th place).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Chris Beatty, WR; Scott Dykes, FL; Richie Johnson, OLB, Maurice Kelly, DB; Marcus Huff, ILB; Al Blunt, OLB.

OUTLOOK: Free safety Moe Kelly was second in the conference in tackles last year, and flanker Scott Dykes was a second team all-conference selection. Dykes, who led the league in all-purpose yardage, and wide receiver Chris Beatty give ETSU two big offensive weapons, but with the departure of longtime platooning quarterbacks Randy Meredith and Mark Williams, there's no one to give them the ball. Despite a reborn attitude in spring practice the Bucs still have to get used to a new coach and a new system, but at least there's hope on the horizon.

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McNeese State, the Southland Conference's Cinderella team the last two seasons, will kick off the glass slipper this year and inherit the favorite's role. The Cowboys appear ready for the role of heavy with 20 starters among 47 returning lettermen. Their greatest threat will be a Northeast Louisiana squad low on returning starters but loaded with superstars.

Sam Houston, a playoff team last year, must rebuild its defense. Northwestern State and North Texas are teams on the way up in the league, but appear to be a season away from achievement. Nicholls State, 2-5 in its first SLC campaign last year, must become more balanced offensively after finishing second in rushing and last in passing in the SLC.

ALL-SOUTHLAND

OFFENSE: QB Wendal Lowery, Northeast Louisiana; RB Roosevelt Potts, Northeast Louisiana; RB Jarvis Lillie, Nicholls State; WR Vince Brisby, Northeast Louisiana; WR Tim Fields, Stephen F. Austin; TE Carlos Treadway, Northwestern State; OT Marcus Spears, Northwestern State; OT Charlie Nelson, Southwest Texas; OG Blayne Rush, McNeese State; OG Brad Hamilton, Southwest Texas; C Sam Breau, McNeese State; K Rob Tallent, Northeast Louisiana; KR Maurice Williams, Southwest Texas.

DEFENSE: DL Eric Goldman, Northwestern State; DL Ken Naquin, McNeese State; DL Eric Kidd, McNeese State; DL Carlos Galvan, Stephen F. Austin; LB Terry Irving, McNeese State; LB Keith Wilkerson, North Texas; LB Darryl Harrison, Sam Houston; CB Jarvis Mayes, Sam Houston; CB Adrian Hardy, Northwestern State; S Darryl Pounds, Nicholls State; S Charnyst Amie, Stephen F. Austin; P Pat Neck, McNeese State.

1. McNEESE STATE

LOCATION: Lake Charles, LA.
STADIUM: Cowboy Stadium (20,000).
COACH: Bobby Keasler (11-10-2 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-4-2 (4-1-2 in SLC, tied 1st; lost to Nevada-Reno in first round of Division I-AA playoffs, 22-16).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 47.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Eric Acheson, QB, Chris Fontenette, TB; Eric Foster, TB; Terry Irving, LB; Pat Neck, P; Blayne Rush, OG.

OUTLOOK: The Cowboys have experience and depth back from a team that tied for first place in the conference and earned a playoff berth last year. A budding star is sophomore quarterback Eric Acheson. Acheson threw for 1,096 yards and three touchdowns after breaking into the starting lineup early last season. Linebacker Terry Irving, three times the SLC's Defensive Player of the Week last season, is the leader of the Cowboy's 4-2-5 defense. The

SLC's overachiever the last two years, it's time people start giving McNeese some respect.

2. NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

LOCATION: Monroe, LA.
STADIUM: Malone Stadium (23,277).
COACH: Dave Roberts (44-44-3 overall/18-14-2 at NLU).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-3-1 (4-2-1 in SLC, 3rd place).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Wendal Lowery, QB; Roosevelt Potts, TB; Vince Brisby, WR; Bennie Bazley, LB; Vic Jordan, C; Curtis Harrison, FS; Craig Pederson, TE.

OUTLOOK: Among the returning offensive starters are quarterback Wendal Lowery, tailback Roosevelt Potts and wide receiver Vince Brisby. Lowery, the league's Newcomer of the Year in 1991, led the SLC in passing (1,309 yards and eight TDs), although he started just four games. Potts rushed for 1,103 yards and Brisby led the league in receiving with 699 yards. A rebuilding job is needed on defense since only four starters are returning. The Indians will be hard to stop offensively, but may have trouble stopping teams defensively.

3. SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

LOCATION: San Marcos, TX.
STADIUM: Bobcat Stadium (14,104).
COACH: Jim Bob Helduser (first year as head coach).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (4-3 in SLC, 4th place).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Maurice Williams, RS; Craig Hemphill, FS; Danny Faust, RB; Danny Davis, LB; Brian McCray, CB; Chet Hanks, DN; Victor Carr, DT; Anthony Wood, WR.

OUTLOOK: The Bobcats have a new head coach, Jim Bob Helduser, and a new quarterback, sophomore John Hygh. Much of Helduser's first-year success will depend on the progress of Hygh, who replaces Gilbert Price, last year's SLC Offensive Player of the Year. Southwest Texas is mainly a triple option team, meaning the effectiveness of Hygh to read defenses will dictate the offense's success.

4. NORTHWESTERN STATE

LOCATION: Natchitoches, LA.
STADIUM: Turpin Stadium (15,971).
COACH: Sam Goodwin (59-59-4 overall/50-48-3 at Northwestern).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5 (4-3 in SLC, 4th place).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 41.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Deon Ridgell, RB; Curtis Wilkins, OG; Brad Brown, RB; Chris Gilliam, QB; Brad Laird, QB; Adrian Hardy, CB; Ed Moses, LB.

OUTLOOK: With four consecutive home league games during the stretch run of the race, Northwestern appears to be the dark-horse team of the SLC. Sophomores Chris Gilliam and Brad Laird will battle for the starting quarterback position. Gilliam was 3-0 in games he started and finished before breaking his elbow. Laird was 2-2, but finished the season with two wins. Some luck in the injury department, along with the emergence of a leader at QB, would make the Demons a strong challenger to the title.

5. SAM HOUSTON STATE

LOCATION: Huntsville, TX.
STADIUM: Bowers Stadium (14,000).
COACH: Ron Randleman (145-95-4 overall/56-53-1 at SHSU).
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 8-3-1 (6-2 in SLC, tied

1st; lost in first round of I-AA playoffs to Middle Tennessee State, 20-19, in overtime).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 41.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Darryl Harrison, LB; Anthony Miller, LB; Jarvis Mayes, CB.

OUTLOOK: Last year's co-champion will be hard-pressed to make a title run this season. The Bearkats lost eight starters from a defense that allowed only 13.2 points and 261.6 yards per game last year. With the defense rebuilding, the focus will shift to a Bearkat offense that has struggled the last two years. The road schedule in the SLC could be damaging to the Bearkats' hope of repeating. They play all the Louisiana schools on the road.

6. NORTH TEXAS

LOCATION: Denton, TX.
STADIUM: Fouts Field (20,000).
COACH: Dennis Parker (3-7-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-7-1 (2-5 in SLC, 5th place).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 50.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: David Brown, WR; Benny Valentine, QB; Mitch Maher, QB; Keith Wilkerson, LB; Willie Hughes, LB.

OUTLOOK: An influx of new talent at North Texas has second-year head coach Dennis Parker optimistic about taking a big stride in his rebuilding program. Parker expects immediate production from transfer quarterback Benny Valentine (Tulane) and wide receiver Scott Ford (Sam Houston). Parker has 50 lettermen returning, including 17 starters, and lost only five seniors. He's switching from a four-man line to a 3-4 this season because of a limited number of defensive linemen and considerable depth at linebacker.

7. NICHOLLS STATE

LOCATION: Thibodaux, LA.
STADIUM: John L. Gaudry Stadium (12,800).
COACH: Phil Greco (26-28-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (2-5 in SLC, 5th place).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Darryl Pounds, DB; Jarvis Lillie, RB; Joey Primus, QB; Kevin George, DB; Demetrius Crawford, LB.

OUTLOOK: After finishing last in the SLC in passing offense (84.8 yards a game) last season, NSU went to spring practice seeking to improve in that area. There's no problem in the passing defense, which is led by All-America candidate Darryl Pounds. Question marks are in the offensive and defensive lines. If the Colonels win their close games (three losses last season were by six points or less), NSU could be the most improved team in the league. The Colonels have a strong secondary and running game, and history has proven they will always be competitive in games.

8. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

LOCATION: Nacogdoches, TX.
STADIUM: Homer Byrce Stadium (14,575).
COACH: John Pearce (first year as college head coach).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-8-1 (1-5-1 in SLC, 7th place).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 46.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Charnyst Amie, FS; Michael Everhart, LB; Mike Goddard, QB; Wade Booker, RB; Mike Pearce, WR; Tim Fields, WR.

OUTLOOK: SFA hired Texas A&M assistant coach John Pearce as head coach Dec. 4. Pearce, however, warns recruiting is for the future. The present—46 returning lettermen—gives Pearce and his new staff reason for optimism. The biggest question marks lie in the offensive line and at running back. The strength will be the secondary. A non-conference schedule that's less than intimidating and seven home contests should help ease the rebuilding process somewhat.

In the SWAC things are a bit different in 1992. In a strange chain of events, one of the league's winningest, most admired coaches (W.C. Gorden) retired and one of its most controversial (Archie Cooley) returned. It all started when Gorden, who led Jackson State to eight SWAC titles, resigned to become its athletic director. Meanwhile, at Southern University, Marino "The Godfather" Casem was named coach, and promptly hired Cooley, nicknamed "The Gunslinger" to run his offense.

SWAC watchers can hardly wait for the new season to begin. With characters like the Godfather and Gunslinger roaming the sideline can you blame them?

ALL-SWAC

OFFENSE: QB Steve McNair, Alcorn State; RB Eric Gant, Grambling State; RB James Johnson, Jackson State; R Marcus Hinton, Alcorn State; R LaShaun Ausmer, Jackson State; TE Eric Mathews, Alabama State; T Reginald Davidson, Jackson State; T Roman Nelson, Alabama State; G Bobby Wilcox, Grambling State; G Eldridge Crigler, Southern University; C Joe Burch, Texas Southern; K Gilad Landau, Grambling State; KR Harry Brown, Alcorn State.

DEFENSE: DL Michael Strahan, Texas Southern; DL Eric Alexander, Mississippi Valley; DL Davie Carpenter, Mississippi Valley; DL Lee Moten, Jackson State; LB Marlo Perry, Jackson State; LB Jerich Green, Alabama State; LB Anthony Wallace, Texas Southern; CB Terry Arnold, Jackson State; CB Latrod Garner, Alabama State; S Eric Ward, Alcorn State; S Johnny Allen, Mississippi Valley; P Kendell Mabry, Southern University.

1. ALCORN STATE

LOCATION: Lorman, MS.
STADIUM: Braves (24,000)
COACH: Cardell Jones (7-2-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-2-1 (2nd place).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 40
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Steve McNair, QB; Harry Brown, HB; Fernando Evans, WR; Tracy Wiggins, DL; Dennis Stevenson, LB; Al Childress, LB.

OUTLOOK: Alcorn has the most talent in the league. Quarterback Steve McNair is the best player in the league. He's surrounded by a strong cast and should improve on last season's record-setting performance in which he completed 189 passes for 2,895 yards and 24 touchdowns. As strong as the offense could be, the defense may be better. The Braves have eight starters returning. Another plus for Alcorn is Head Coach Cardell Jones has a year under his belt and should be more comfortable leading the Braves. The only thing that can stop Alcorn is Alcorn.

2. JACKSON STATE

LOCATION: Jackson, MS
STADIUM: Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium (64,000)
COACH: James Carson (1st season)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-5 (tied 5th)
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 60.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Ricky Jordan, QB; James Johnson, RB; Ernest Pate, WR; Mario Perry, LB; Vingi Johnson, LB; Terry Arnold, CB
OUTLOOK: The Tigers have a solid defensive unit returning and could challenge Alcorn. The key will be whether or not James Carson can keep things running smoothly. A proven defensive coordinator, Carson has his work cut out for him this season. Last year was JSU's worst season since 1984. That was the year before the Tigers went three straight seasons without a conference loss. Essentially this year will be whether or not quarterback Ricky Jordan can elevate his play and the return of running back James Johnson.

3. ALABAMA STATE

LOCATION: Montgomery, AL.
STADIUM: Grantor Dowl (24,000).
COACH: Houston Markham (39 13-3 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 11-0-1 (SWAC champions; Heritage Bowl winner).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 57
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Kevin Fields, LB; Rico White, RB; Horace Brooks, WR, Eric Mathews, TE; Joey Naylor, DL; Jench Green, LB, Sylvester Longmire, FS.
OUTLOOK: Alabama State will be hard-pressed to duplicate last season. The Hornets won their first SWAC title and had the best season in school history. This year quarterback Ricky Jones and linebacker Eddie Robinson Jr. must be replaced, and someone will have to fill the shoes of wide receiver Reggie Brown and center Patrick Johnson. The key to Alabama State's season will be whether or not it can replace Jones. Houston Markham is an offensive coach, but this season he'll have to win with defense.

4. SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Baton Rouge, LA
STADIUM: A.W. Mumford (24,000)
COACH: Marino Casem (155-85-8 overall/14-8 in two years at Southern)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (3rd place; won the Bayou Classic over Grambling State, 27-21).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 33.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Cornell Johnson, WR, Keith Wood, WR, Alden Foster, RB, Jimmy Conner, LB, Matthew Dorsett, LB, Charles Johnson, DE.
OUTLOOK: This is Casem's second time taking over at Southern. He left Alcorn to become AD and head coach in Baton Rouge. Many people were surprised Casem hired Archie Cooley. After all, Cooley was under fire for the problems at Arkansas-Pine Bluff. If anyone can keep the Gunslinger from shooting off, it's Casem. Look for Southern to be an improved team, but nothing more. The Jaguars have to replace quarterback Nate Harrison and defensive linemen Robert Harris and Kelvin Conrey.

5. TEXAS SOUTHERN

LOCATION: Houston, TX.
STADIUM: Robertson Stadium (22,000).
COACH: Walter Highsmith (12-18-2 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-5-1 (tied 4th)
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 73.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Kerry Anderson, RB; Stacy Moore, QB, Derrick Singleton, RB, Joe Rogers, WR, Michael Strahan, DL, Kelvin Johnson, DL; Keith Patterson, LB.
OUTLOOK: Texas Southern returns a host of players from last season, including 18 starters. The Tigers are definitely the league's sleeper. They beat Alcorn State and Mississippi Valley

last season and were the only team not to lose to Alabama State. Running back Kerry Anderson will bolster the offense, while the defense is led by All-SWAC defensive lineman Michael Strahan. Anderson rushed for more than 1,000 yards last season and should improve on those stats this year. For Texas Southern to be successful, however, Stacy Moore must be consistent and show he's a double threat.

6. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

LOCATION: Itta Bena, MS.
STADIUM: Magnolia (10,000).
COACH: Larry Dorsey (12-9-1 overall)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-3-1 (tied 4th)
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 21
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Cliff Robinson, QB; James Butler, T; Davie Carpenter, DL, Eric Alexander, DL, Alonzo Brown, LB; Kevin Lovett, LB; Johnny Allen, DB.
OUTLOOK: Mississippi Valley started off fast with a 6-0 record, but the Delta Devils finished 1-3-1 the final five games. Head Coach Larry Dorsey is credited with getting the most from the least. He did it with a high-powered offense and an aggressive and stingy defense. But 31 lettermen are gone, and this year the Delta Devils must rebuild. Another problem Valley will have to tackle is teams being prepared for them.

7. GRAMBLING STATE

LOCATION: Grambling, LA
STADIUM: Eddie Robinson Stadium (19,500).
COACH: Eddie Robinson (372-132-15 overall in 52 seasons at Grambling)
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6 (tied 6th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Eric Gant, FB; Tracey Greene, TE; Kerry Brown, LB; Keith Jones, DL; Keith Marks, DE; Ronald Perry, LB, Shane Oubre, FS.
OUTLOOK: Eddie Robinson suffered the fifth losing season in 49 years as Grambling's head coach last season. Robinson has vowed to have a winning season and has pledged the Tigers will return to the top of the SWAC. Six offensive starters and eight defensive starters return. Fullback Eric Gant is a legitimate All-America candidate. The 6-2, 240-pound junior rushed for more than 1,100 yards last season. If Grambling can replace wingback Nate Singleton and quarterback Shawn Buras, the offense should be productive. On the defensive side of the ball, the Tigers will miss LB Thomas Griffin.

8. PRAIRIE VIEW

LOCATION: Prairie View, TX.
STADIUM: Blackshear Field (6,000)
COACH: Ron Beard (0-11 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 0-11 (8th place).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 32
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Reginald Gilliard, WR; Kemck Amington, TE; Danny Hull, QB; Aphonso Provo, LB; Jerrald Crowder, DB; Dominique Artis, DB; Courtney Parham, DB.
OUTLOOK: Prairie View fielded a team for the first time in two years last season. The results reflected the effects. Prairie View was winless in 11 games and scored only 48 points all season. The Panthers gave up 617 and in one span were beaten 61-0 by Alcorn, 92-0 by Alabama State and 41-0 by Mississippi Valley. Still, Coach Ron Beard believes this year's team will be much improved and should win a game. For the Panthers to win any time in the foreseeable future will take a minor miracle. The school still doesn't offer athletic scholarships, so Beard is stuck with athletes who qualify for financial aid.

By Steve Craig
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In 1991 Villanova, Delaware and New Hampshire all had 7-1 conference marks, left every other conference team with losing records and suffered first-round NCAA Division I-AA playoff losses.

Villanova and Delaware are back stronger than before and hope to go further with experienced quarterbacks and the league's dominant linemen.

New Hampshire has Offensive Player of the Year tailback Barry Bourassa, but lost four of five OL, three all-conference DL and quarterback Matt Griffin. Massachusetts suffered the heaviest loss when Head Coach Jim Reid quit after being told he had to withdraw 10 scholarship offers. Reid wound up at league doormat Richmond as its defensive coordinator, and UMass named a former assistant coach, Mike Hodges, as Reid's replacement in mid-April.

ALL-YANKEE

OFFENSE: QB Tom Colombo, Villanova; RB Barry Bourassa, UNH; RB John Johnson, UMass; WR John Perry, UNH; WR Alex Davis, UConn; TE Scott Donald, Villanova; T Bill Lacey, Villanova; T Jason Goldberg, BU; G Randy Crane, Villanova; G Mark Schoenleber, Delaware; C Tim Tarpay, Villanova; K Bill Hoffman, Villanova; KR Nathan Bryan, UNH

DEFENSE: DL Chris Grychowski, Villanova; DL Mark Hrubar, Delaware; DL Scott Groomsman, Delaware; LB Curtis Eller, Villanova; LB Eric Johnson, Richmond; LB Mario Perry, UMass; LB Dwayne Gordon, UNH; CB Don Caparotti, UMass; CB Greg Lewis, UNH; S Warren McIntire, Delaware; S Barry Alvis, Villanova; P Chris Schrock, BU.

1. VILLANOVA

LOCATION: Villanova, PA
STADIUM: Villanova (12,000).
COACH: Andy Talley (75-39-2 overall/48-21-1 at Villanova)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-2 (7-1 in YC, tied 1st, lost in first round to eventual national champ Youngstown State, 17-16).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Tom Colombo, QB; Vernon Smith, RB; Scott Donald, TE; Jeff Johnson, FB; Chris Grychowski, DL; Curtis Eller, ILB; Orin Solomon, CB.

OUTLOOK: Excellent. Eight offensive and nine defensive starters are back. What's scarier is nearly the whole two-deep returns from a team eliminated by a last-second field goal. Tom Colombo (5-7 list) can barely see over his curly line, but he's a winner. Conference Defensive Player of the Year Curtis Eller anchors 1991's national No. 1 scoring and No. 2 total defense. The best overall talent in the league makes an undefeated season and a strong playoff run real possibilities.

2. DELAWARE

LOCATION: Newark, DE
STADIUM: Delaware (23,000)

COACH: Harold "Tubby" Raymond (212-85-2 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-2 (7-1 in YC, tied 1st; lost in first-round to James Madison, 42-35 in double overtime).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Bill Vergantino, QB; Keta Malloy, WR; Daryl Brown, FB; Lanue Johnson, RB; Tim Jacobs, CB; Scott Acker, CB; Mark Hrubar, DL.

OUTLOOK: Tubby Raymond enters the season 16th on the all-time coaching list (eighth active), and he'll add to his totals. The defense is annually one of the league's best, and Warren McIntire (nine interceptions) is a consensus All-American. The Wing-T offense will flow through Vergantino, who'll hold every quarterbacking record except TD passes if he's healthy.

3. NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION: Durham, NH.
STADIUM: Cowell (12,500).
COACH: Bill Bowes (131-73-4 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-3 (7-1 in YC, tied 1st, lost first-round playoff to Sanford, 29-13).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Barry Bourassa, TB; Dwayne Gordon, OLB; John Perry, WR; David Gamble, WR; Mike Gallagher, FB; Rich Green, QB; Steve Dunn, DL; Greg Lawie, CB.

OUTLOOK: After their first playoff trip in 15 years, the Wildcats have gaping holes in both lines. There's plenty of offensive firepower, led by All-American Barry Bourassa and a top-notch receiving duo, if likely quarterback Green is given time. Bourassa (1,185 rushing yards, two-time I-AA all-purpose leader) needs blockers. Dwayne Gordon has already been invited to the East-West Shrine All-Star Game. A 10th straight winning season for Coach Bill Bowes is likely, a return to the playoffs isn't.

4. BOSTON UNIVERSITY

LOCATION: Boston, MA.
STADIUM: Nickerson Field (17,369).
COACH: Dan Allen (9-13 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (3-5 in YC, tied 4th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 42.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Scott Malloy, WR; Harold Thomas Jr., DT; Marc Fauci, SS; Mike Morello, K; Walter Norton, WB; Greg Moore, QB; Andrew Brennan, LB; Gavin Palmer, LB.

OUTLOOK: Both Greg Moore and Walter Norton were effective last year at QB. Replacing 1,000-yard rusher Jay Hillman—a tough bull and perfect complement to a run 'n' shoot offense—is the question. A dastardly early schedule could put a crimp in the program's progress.

5. RHODE ISLAND

LOCATION: Kingston, RI
STADIUM: Meade (10,000).
COACH: Bob Griffin (99-117-1 overall/78-97-1 at Rhode Island).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5 (3-5, tied 4th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 28.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Tony Squitieri, QB; Darren Rizzi, TE; Chris Pierce, WR; Peter Doremus, LB; Dave Slattey, LB; Marty Coyne, LB; Greg Hoffmann, DB; Brian Merritt, DB.

OUTLOOK: Rhode Island is returning after its first winning season since the championship year of 1985. Strong-armed Squitieri is a reason to expect another. However, the Rams suffered a major loss when top rusher Dano Highsmith, a likely preseason All-YC choice, was shot in the arm in his home town of Middletown, Connecticut, Feb. 1. If he can return at all, it will be in midseason. The linebackers are experienced and quick to the ball, but still a notch below the league's top three.

6. MASSACHUSETTS

LOCATION: Amherst, MA.
STADIUM: Warren McGuirk Alumni (16,000).
COACH: Mike Hodges. 0-0 (first year as a head coach).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (3-5 in YC, tied 4th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 33.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Mario Perry, OLB; Don Caparotti, CB; Dave McGovern, QB; John Johnson, TB; Scott Assenoco, OLB; Bobby Burke, ILB; John Creamer, DT.

OUTLOOK: Mario Perry, back after an early season injury in 1991, is one of the best linebackers in the country, and Don Caparotti excels on defense and special teams. However, overall the Minutemen entered spring drills unsettled at quarterback and missing 11 starters, including two all-conference offensive tackles. One of the proudest traditions in the Yankee Conference is badly hurt by the departure of Jim Reid and reduced commitment (only five scholarships offered this year).

7. CONNECTICUT

LOCATION: Storrs, CT.
STADIUM: Memorial (16,200).
COACH: Tom Jackson (51-46 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8 (2-6 in YC, tied 7th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 31.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Alex Davis, WR; Brian Kozlowski, TE; Tom DeSarno, QB/P; Paul Duckworth, DE; Ed Long, RB; Jim Reppi, ILB; Mark Chapman, CB; Robert Relcuore, DL.

OUTLOOK: The Huskies' 3-8 season prompted Head Coach Tom Jackson to shake up his staff. Former Bucknell head coach George Landis takes over the offense and former Maryland defensive coordinator Greg Williams also joins the staff. Davis must step his game up without All-American Mark Didio on the other side. A questionable OL lost three starters, but the defense returns eight. Two disappointing seasons are followed by a third.

8. RICHMOND

LOCATION: Richmond, VA.
STADIUM: University of Richmond (22,611).
COACH: Jim Marshall (4-29 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9 (2-0, tied 7th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 40.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Eric Johnson, LB; Greg Lilly, QB; Uly Scott, TB; Sterling Brown, WR; Rod Boothes, WR; Scott Burton, DB; Jeff Edmiston, LB; Derek Whitaker, DE.

OUTLOOK: The Spiders need to prove themselves after three straight last-place finishes and may show slight improvement this season. Eric Johnson is the best player with 27 consecutive double-digit tackle games. Defense as a whole was porous, though Greg Lilly brought some stability to the QB slot, and Richmond played better as the year went on.

9. MAINE

LOCATION: Orono, ME
STADIUM: Alumni Field (10,000).
COACH: Kirk Ferentz (5-16 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8 (2-6 in YC, tied 7th).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Emilio Colon, QB; Jason Cue, QB; Ben Simans, TB; Tony Szydlowski, WR; Dan Jones, OT; Jemal Murph, OLB; Lorenzo Harris, OLB; Corey Parker, DL.

OUTLOOK: After consecutive 3-8 years Ferentz is first Maine coach since 1984 to enter his third year. Emilio Colon (13 INTs, only two TDs) is the incumbent QB, but he was recruited as a defensive back, and the Black Bears would love Rutgers-transfer Jason Cue to take over. The secondary was weak last year, and four DBs had off-season surgery. Until Maine proves it has a true quarterback, it will struggle.

Five of the last seven Division 1-AA national champions have come from the Independents. A year ago Youngstown State won. The previous two years, Georgia Southern captured the honors. So forecasting the Independents has implications of picking a team headed all the way.

A youthful Samford team tasted success last season, advancing to the Final Four of the playoffs, and could be primed for Huntington, West Virginia, site of the 1-AA title game. But don't be too quick to count out Youngstown and James Madison. Several top players fuel both teams for a high-powered run. And no one would dare dismiss Georgia Southern's chances. The Eagles have won four titles in the past seven years. "You could put the names of four or five 1-AA Independents in a hat, draw one and make a case for that school winning the national championship," said Georgia Southern coach Tim Stowers.

FIRST-TEAM INDEPENDENTS

OFFENSE: QB Eriq Williams, James Madison; RB Tamron Smith, Youngstown State; RB Willie English, Central Florida; WR Corey Ludwig, William & Mary; WR Bret Cooper, Central Florida; TE Brian Fisher, Samford; OL Rex Nottage, Georgia Southern; OL Roosevelt Nivens, Liberty; OL Chris Thurman, James Madison; OL John Loch, Towson State; C Bryant Bowden, Liberty; K Franco Grilla, Central Florida; KR William Covington, Troy State.

DEFENSE: DL Chris Vecchione, Youngstown State; DL Alex Mash, Georgia Southern; DL Antjuan Marsh, Troy State; DL Michael Morris, Georgia Southern; LB Henry Thomas, Samford; LB Tory James, Samford; LB Rick Hamilton, Central Florida; DB Marcus Durgin, Samford; DB Dave Roberts, Youngstown State; DB Randy Smith, Youngstown State; DB Mark Sallsbury, Northeastern; P Dan Mueller, William & Mary.

1. SAMFORD

LOCATION: Birmingham, AL.
STADIUM: Seibert (6,700)
COACH: Terry Bowden (37-19-1 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 12-2 (advancing to the 1-AA semifinals).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Ben Wiggins, QB; Brian Fisher, TE; Ed Smith, SE; Surkano Edwards, TB; Lee Ellis, FB; Henry Thomas, LB; Tory James, LB; Ollie Sanders, LB; Marcus Durgin, CB; Michael O'Neal, K.

OUTLOOK: The return of quarterback Ben Wiggins (3,063 yards, 18 touchdowns) and tailback Surkano "Tank" Edwards (1,102 rushing yards) gives the offense a one-two punch.

Linebackers Henry Thomas (173 tackles) and Tory James (166 tackles) are the nucleus of a strong returning defense. Defensive back Marcus Durgin (eight interceptions) earned AP third-team All-America honors.

2. YOUNGSTOWN STATE

LOCATION: Youngstown, O.I.
STADIUM: Arnold D. Stambaugh (15,833).
COACH: Jim Tressel (16-28 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 12-3 (won the Division 1-AA national championship).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Tamron Smith, HB, Nick Cochran, QB; Herb Williams, WR, Trent Boykin, WR, Craig Kertesz, OG, Chris Vecchione, DT; Dave Roberts, FS, Malcolm Everette, SS; Jeff Wilkins, K; Randy Smith, CB
OUTLOOK: The Pens' 23-4 overall record during the past two years was second only to Nevada within the division. Coach Jim Tressel hopes to build on his winning tradition. Junior running back Tamron Smith (1,545 yards) has proved he doesn't mind carrying the rushing load. Wideouts Herb Williams and Trent Boykin combined for nearly 900 receiving yards last season. Dave Roberts, Malcolm Everette and Randy Smith form one of the best defensive secondaries in the division. The question mark is quarterback. Her apparent Nick Cochran threw only 27 passes last season in limited backup time.

3. JAMES MADISON

LOCATION: Harrisonburg, VA.
STADIUM: Bridgeforth (15,000)
COACH: Rip Scherer (9-4-0 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-4 (advanced to the division quarter-finals).
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 38
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Eriq Williams, QB, Keny Sims, TB; David McLeod, WR; Brian Kagle, OT; Chris Thurman, OG; Don Phelps, CB; Tyrone Washington, DT; Clint Dunn, LB; Chris Parrott, FS; Pat Carey, SS.
OUTLOOK: It took one year for Coach Rip Scherer to brand his mark on James Madison. The once defensive-minded Dukes suddenly sported an offensive look. Part of the new facial surfaced with the maturity of quarterback Eriq Williams and tailback Kenny Sims. Both are back this season. Williams, a third team AP All American, was ranked second in pass efficiency and finished with 2,141 yards and 21 touchdown passes. Sims rushed for 1,459 yards and 12 touchdowns. Six times last season the Dukes won games despite allowing 28 or more points. The inexperienced defense will have to get better if the Dukes hope to improve.

4. GEORGIA SOUTHERN

LOCATION: Statesboro, GA.
STADIUM: Allen E. Paulson Stadium (18,000).
COACH: Tim Stowers (19-7 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4.
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 35
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Derrick McGrady, QB, Joe DuPres, QB; Rex Nottage, OT; Terrance Sorrell, WR; Alex Mash, DT; Darius Dawson, LB; Nick Davis, LB; Paul Carroll, LB; Michael Morris, DE, Shawn Austin, DB
OUTLOOK: After winning four national championships in six years, Georgia Southern fell back into the 1-AA pack last season. Three losses by a combined total of 14 points and a setback at 1-A Auburn show the Eagles didn't stumble too far. However, returning to the top will be a tough chore for third-year coach Tim Stowers. Nine defensive starters finished their eligibility. However, an offense that improved throughout last season got better with University of Georgia transfer quarterback Joe DuPres. Defensively, lineman Alex Mash (seven sacks, 17 tackles for losses) is back along with end Michael Morris. The problem areas are the depleted secondary and special teams. One

saving grace is a soft schedule that allows the Eagles to play eight home games, four against Division II teams. Georgia Southern is 55-3 at Paulson Stadium since the stadium opened in 1985.

5. CENTRAL FLORIDA

LOCATION: Orlando, FL.
STADIUM: Citrus Bowl (70,000).
COACH: Gene McDowell.
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-5
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 40
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Willie English, TB; Darrin Hinshaw, QB; Bret Cooper, WR, Mike Dickinson, WR; David Rhodes, WR, Rick Hamilton, LB, Steve Wright, CB, Franco Grilla, K, Charles Anderson, FB; Mike Gruttadua, C.
OUTLOOK: Tailback Willie English may just change the thinking around Central Florida this season. The pass-happy Knights, never a team to shy away from high-scoring shootouts, could rely on English, the division's No. 3 rusher during the last regular season (1,338, 13 touchdowns), to institute a ball-control attack. No doubt, inexperience at quarterback (sophomore Darrin Hinshaw had only four starts last season) makes English a probable first choice for the offense. To be sure, however, Central Florida will throw enough to keep opposing defensive backs on their toes. Wideouts Bret Cooper (42 catches, 668 yards), Mike Dickinson (42, 571) and David Rhodes (22, 382) are all explosive.

6. WILLIAM & MARY

LOCATION: Williamsburg, VA.
STADIUM: Walter J. Zabel Stadium at Cary Field (15,000).
COACH: Jimmy Laycock (73-62-2 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6.
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 46
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Todd Durkin, QB, Shawn Knight, QB, James Blocker-Bodley, TB; Scott Wingfield, FB; Corey Ludwig, WR; Terry Hammons, WR, Palmer Scantti, CB; Rich Allaway, S, Mark Tyler, DT; Adrian Rich, LB.
OUTLOOK: Naging injuries ruined the hopes of William & Mary last season. Despite returning two of the division's biggest offensive threats—quarterback Chris Hakel and tailback Robert Green—the Tribe fell from a playoff team in 1990 to less than 500 a year ago. There's good news and bad news for this season. The good news is 15 starters are back from last year's squad. The bad news is Hakel and Green aren't among them. Finding a quarterback is the first order of business for Coach Jimmy Laycock. Senior Todd Durkin and junior Shawn Knight will battle for the job. James Blocker-Bodley should start at tailback.

7. TROY STATE

LOCATION: Troy, AL.
STADIUM: Memorial (12,000).
COACH: Larry Blakeney (5-6 overall).
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6
RETURNING LETTERMEN: 37
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Brad Stevens, QB; Eddie Coleman, TB; David McCombs, FB, William Covington, WR; Allen Ray, OT; Charles Bush, LB; Antjuan Marsh, DL; Sherman James, DT; Greg Great, CB; Matt Stone, K.
OUTLOOK: Troy State is only in the second year of its two-year compliance period to enter the division. However, the Trojans displayed competitiveness last season and can only improve this year. First of all, Troy will add almost 20 scholarships. For a team that lost five games by eight points or fewer (three games by three points or fewer), the addition of quality players could make a difference. Despite a 5-6 record the Trojans will also be an experienced bunch. Junior quarterback Brad Stevens passed for 1,013 yards. William Covington, a wideout, and Eddie Coleman, a tailback, have big-play potential. Defensively, linebacker Charles Bush registered a team-leading 128 tackles last sea-

son. Lineman Antjuan Marsh had 9½ sacks

8. LIBERTY

LOCATION: Lynchburg, VA

STADIUM: Liberty University Stadium (12,000)

COACH: Sam Rutigliano (18-14 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Robbie Justino, QB;

David Beezer, WR; Dion Cook, WR; Dwayne Carswell, TB; Scott Thomas, TB; Roosevelt Nvens, OT; Bryant Bowden, C; Kevin Lockwood, DL; Mick Mulcuck, DL; Wesley McConnell, CB

OUTLOOK: The passing attack, a staple of past Liberty offenses, has a dilemma. With the return of quarterback Robbie Justino (3,176 yards passing last year), the Flames certainly could be a throwing team. But there's one problem. Receiver Pat Nelson (81 receptions, 1,075 yards) has finished his eligibility. Wideout David Beezer (28 catches, 481 yards) returns, but a beefy offensive line and running backs Dwayne Carswell (435 yards) and Scott Thomas (300 yards) may be able to mix the ground game into the play book. Junior cornerback Wesley McConnell (five interceptions, two fumble recoveries) anchors the defense. Any slight improvement in either the offense or defense could turn the Flames' fortunes around. They lost four games by five points or fewer last season.

9. NORTHEASTERN

LOCATION: Boston, MA

STADIUM: Parsons Field (7,000)

COACH: Barry Gallup (4-7 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 32

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Ralph Barone, QB; Jeremy Gobeil, WR; Brandon Tsetsilas, WR; Tony Morgan, TB; Randy Dodd, OT; David Atwood, LB; Mark Salisbury, SS; Miles McLean, DE; Joe Griesbaum, DT; Ron James, DB

OUTLOOK: In 1991 first-year coach Barry Gallup opened up the offense and saw immediate success. The return of quarterback Ralph Barone, who set a school record with 1,899 passing yards, and his favorite receivers Jeremy Gobeil and Brandon Tsetsilas could make Northeastern's offense even more potent this season. Defensively, linebacker David Atwood, the team's leading tackler last season, is back along with strong safety Mark Salisbury (53 tackles, six interceptions)

10. TOWSON STATE

LOCATION: Towson, MD

STADIUM: Minnegan Stadium (5,000)

COACH: Gordy Combs (first year)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-10

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 50

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Dan Crowley, QB; Kevin Howard, WR; Mark Orlando, WR; Brian McCarty, TB; John Loch, OT; Joe Kreisher, LB; Mike Arbutina, LB; Bill Fisher, DL; Mike Curcio, DL; Aaron Bates, FS

Outlook: An S.O.S. is already launched. Finding some defensive help will be the No. 1 priority for Towson State this season. The Tigers allowed 34.4 points a game last year. Towson hopes returning linebackers Joe Kreisher and Mike Arbutina can bolster the struggling defense because the Tigers' offense showed marked improvement in the second half of last season. Sophomore quarterback Dan Crowley started the final five games of the season and finished with 1,783 passing yards and 16 touchdowns. In the last six games the Tigers averaged 27 points a game. A spread offense utilized the talents of wideouts Kevin Howard (48 receptions, 613 yards, nine TDs) and Mark Orlando (44 receptions, 686 yards, three TDs). Sophomore running back Brian McCarty (496 rushing yards) will key the ground attack.

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8. HAWAII

Offense: In the early going, the offense will have to carry most of the load for the Rainbows while the defense finds its footing. Michael Carter returns at quarterback to direct Hawaii's wild, spread offense. Carter set eight school records last season, but sometimes struggled with interceptions. He had 11 of them and only four touchdowns through the air, but he ran for 1,092 yards on the ground. Travis Sims will return at running back after gaining 519 yards a year ago. Marlowe Lewis and Eddie Kealoha will see plenty time at slot back, while Darrick Branch, Cy Hirota and Brian Gordon bring back plenty of experience at wide receiver. The line is experienced since a lot of young players were forced into action by injuries last season. Lene Amosa returns at center after being forced into a starting role, while guards Peter Pale and Doug Vaioleti and tackles Kelly McGill and Travis Fonseca top Coach Bob Wagner's early depth chart.

Defense: Longtime defensive coordinator Rich Ellerson left Hawaii to take a job at the University of Arizona, which left Wagner the job of directing the unit until he decides what to do with the coaching vacancy this fall. However, Wagner hopes he can get the defense to rebound from a lackluster 1991 season in which the Rainbows slid to seventh in the WAC in total defense. Maa Tanuvasa will anchor the defensive line at one of the tackle spots, while Junior Tagoei will play at nose guard or linebacker. The other tackle spot will go to Taase Faumi. Mika Lilili, Walter Santiago, Junior Faavae, Stew Williams and Louis Randall will also get a chance to contribute at linebacker. Sophomores Zac Odom, Carlos Anderson

HAWAII

LOCATION: Honolulu, HI

STADIUM: Aloha Stadium (50,000)

COACH: Bob Wagner (34-25-2 overall)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7-1

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Michael Carter, QB, 5-10, 220, Jr.; Travis Sims, RB, 6-1, 241, So.; Marlowe Lewis, SB, 5-10, 166, So.; Eddie Kealoha, SB, 5-9, 197, Sr.; Cy Hirota, WR, 6-1, 187, Jr.; Brian Gordon, WR, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Travis Fonseca, OT, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Kelly McGill, OT, 6-1, 252, So.; Lene Amosa, C, 6-0, 276, Jr.; Pete Pale, OG, 6-3, 275, Jr.; Doug Vaioleti, OG, 6-2, 261, Sr.; Darrick Branch, KR, 6-0, 201, Sr.

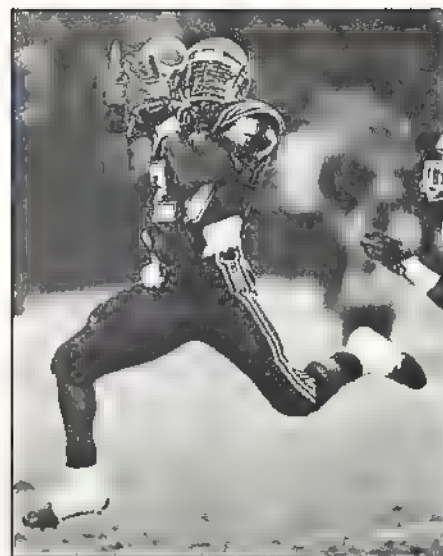
Defense—Taase Faumi, DT, 6-4, 258, Jr.; Maa Tanuvasa, DT, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Junior Tagoei, NG, 6-0, 263, Sr.; Shavond Johnson, LB, 6-0, 210, So.; Stew Williams, LB, 5-11, 227, Jr.; Mika Lilili, LB, 6-1, 228, Jr.; Walter Santiago, RB, 5-10, 197, Sr.; Joe Davis, CB, 5-9, 161, So.; Carlos Anderson, CB, 5-7, 166, So.; Keah Salvador, S, 5-10, 179, Jr.; Bryan Addison, S, 6-0, 194, Sr.; Jason Elam, PK/P, 6-0, 194, Sr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Michael Carter, QB; Travis Simms, RB; Bryan Addison, S; Maa Tanuvasa, DT

TOP NEWCOMERS: Walter Gnsam, SB,

Agenhart Willis, CB; George Tupuola, LB

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jeff Sydnor, SB; Shawn Ching, C; Tony Pang-Kee, DB



Larry Maxey, San Diego State

and Joe Davis will be vying for cornerback positions, while Bryan Addison returns at safety after missing last season. Keahi Salvador is the likely fourth starter in the secondary.

Special Teams: Jason Elam returns at place-kicker and punter. He has 63 field goals so far in his career, hitting on 84 percent of his attempts. Darrick Branch will handle both the kickoff and punt returns.

Environment: The Rainbows are always tough to beat in the confines of Aloha Stadium, but five games on the mainland will be arduous. Last season was the Warriors' first losing season since 1987. Fans hope for a quick turnaround.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: The Rainbows face five formidable road games on the mainland against Oregon, Air Force, Utah, UTEP and San Diego State to go along with seven home games. They also have a make-or-break, three-game run the second, third and fourth weeks of the season against Air Force, BYU and Utah. Sept. 12, Hawaii at Air Force; Sept. 26, BYU at Hawaii; Oct. 10, Hawaii at Utah.

Outlook: The Rainbows have too many defensive questions to threaten for any crown this season.

Bowl: no.

9. COLORADO STATE

Offense: The Rams struggled last season both on the ground and through the air. The ground game slipped to fifth in the league at 170.5 yards an outing, while the passing offense averaged just 210.5 yards per game. Among the five returnees, All-WAC wide receiver Greg Primm will be counted on to provide some spark after he grabbed 67 passes for 1,081 yards last season. Billy Gonzales will be at the other wideout spot. Sophomore quarterback Anthony Hill will be the likely candidate to replace Kevin Verdugo. Fullbacks John Ivlow and Tom Romero will hopefully bolster the ground game this season with Leonice Brown and Pat Ingrassia vying for tailback playing time. The offensive line will be led by three returning starters: tackle Jason Basso and guards Bob Cox and Pat Meyer. The tight end spot is up for grabs between Mark Smith and Mark McKenzie.

Defense: Middle linebacker Otis Hamilton is back after leading the team in

tackles a year ago. Outside linebackers Brian Schneider and Kareem Ingram also return to the Rams' 4-3 front. Tackle Steve Norton and end Kevin Lynch are back, while Lewis Capes and Steve Hodge are the leading candidates for the other two positions. Colorado State must do some rebuilding in the secondary. Cornerback Sylvester Mabry is the only returnee. Val Lefrere and Roy Williams are the top candidates at safety, while Andre Strode will be at the other corner. The Rams defensive numbers put them in the middle of the pack last season, but they were last in the league in turnover margin. The defense forced only 11 turnovers, while the offense gave up the ball 35 times.

Special Teams: The Rams will have to replace kicker Mike Brown. Colorado State was third in the league in net punting last year.

Environment: Colorado State fans were expecting more last season, and they hope Coach Earle Bruce can reverse the slide in 1992.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: Outside of road games at Louisiana State and Colorado, the Rams have winnable non-league games against Idaho and Ohio University. They also avoid playing BYU this season. Sept. 5, Colorado State at Colorado; Sept. 19, Colorado State at Fresno State; Oct. 24, Wyoming at Colorado State.

Outlook: A .500 season in league play seems the best the Rams can hope for.

Bowl: no

NEW MEXICO

LOCATION: Albuquerque, NM

STADIUM: University Stadium (30,646)

COACH: Dennis Franchione (80-19-2 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-9.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 44.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Stoney Case, QB, 6-3, 190, So.; Marc Wilson, RB, 5-7, 189, Sr.; Marcelus Davis, RB, 5-10, 187, Jr.; Manley Woods, WR, 6-2, 160, Jr.; Carl Winston, WR, 6-0, 187, Jr.; Jerone Williams, TE, 6-4, 215, Sr. Brian Baca, OG, 6-04, 255, Sr.; Alex Crowder, OG, 6-5, 280, So.; Justin Hall, C, 6-2, 270 Jr.; Calvin Allen, OT, 6-8, 320, So.; Clint Hall, OT, 6-7, 260, Sr.; Dave Margolis, PK, 6-0, 167, Sr.

Defense—Willie Barry, DT, 6-3, 253, Sr.; Steve Green, NT, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Alex Stowell, DT, 6-2, 245, Sr.; Jesse Becton, LB, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Howard Brown, LB, 5-10, 290, Jr.; Wade Smith, LB, 5-9, 185, Sr.; Estevan Garcia, LB, 6-0, 200, So.; Bobby Sylvia, DB, 5-9, 170, Sr.; Calvin Carr, DB, 5-1, 190, Sr.; Will Martin, DB, 5-8, 165, Sr.; Eric Jack, DB, 6-0, 170, Jr.; Hugo Ojeda, P, 5-9, 175, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Eric Jack, DB; Carl Winston, WR.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Jarrett Anderson, DL, Eric Young, RB; Bascom Meillon, DL.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Jeremy Leach, QB, Kim McCall, LB, Fred Easter, DB.

Miami Hurricane-style offense with the potential of using a lot of three wide receiver formations. Stoney Case will be the likely starter at quarterback, and Marc Wilson is the top returning running back. Receivers Greg Oliver and Carl Winston should provide

vide some dangerous threats for opposing defenses. Franchione will have to rebuild the offensive line. Shaw Arruti is the only returnee.

Defense: The Lobos ranked 106th nationwide, surrendering 524.6 yards per game. Franchione will use a 3-4 defensive formation. Willie Barry, Steve Green and Alex Stowell have all started on the defensive line, while Jesse Becton and Howard Brown return at linebacker. Eric Jack is the top returnee to the secondary, while Will Martin and Bob Sylvia have seen significant game experience.

Special Teams: The Lobos will have to replace punter Troy Rossean, while David Margolis and Hugo Ojeda have experience at place-kicking.

Environment: The Lobos football program celebrates its 100th anniversary this season. They hope the parade of coaches will end and that Franchione has some answers to myriad problems.

Schedule Difficulty/Key Games: For the first time in 10 years the Lobos have more home games (six) than road games (five). New Mexico also hosts two Southwest Conference teams, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist. Sept. 5, Texas Christian at New Mexico; Oct. 3, San Diego State at New Mexico; Nov. 14, Texas El Paso at New Mexico.

Outlook: This will be another year when Lobos fans will have to grin and bear it, but new coaching blood may spark some improvement.

Bowl: no.

10. NEW MEXICO

Offense: In December Dennis Franchione became the 27th head football coach at the University of New Mexico, and he faces a monumental task of rebuilding an offense that ranked eighth in the conference last season. Franchione plans to run a

COLORADO STATE

LOCATION: Fort Collins, CA.

STADIUM: Hughes Stadium (30,000).

COACH: Earle Bruce (149-83-2 overall/17-17-1 at Colorado State)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 33.

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Offense—Anthony Hill, QB, 5-11, 181, So.; John Mlow, FB, 5-10, 244, Sr.; Pat Ingrassia, TB, 6-0, 194, So.; Greg Primus, WR, 5-11, 183, Sr.; Billy Gonzales, WR, 5-10, 183, Sr.; Robert Montoya, OT, 6-2, 300, Jr.; Jason Basso, OT, 6-6, 293, Sr.; Terry Engle, C, 6-0, 266, Jr.; Pat Meyer, OG, 6-1, 270, So.; Bob Cox, OG, 6-1, 259, Mark McKenzie, TE, 6-2, 232, Sr.; Peter Rantzau, PK, 5-10, 200, Jr.

Defense—Steve Hodge, DE, 6-2, 234, Jr.; Kevin Lynch, DE, 6-3, 237, Sr.; Lewis Capes, DT, 6-4, 280, Jr.; Steve Norton, DT, 6-2, 240, Jr.; Brian Schneider, LB, 6-1, 202, Jr.; Otis Hamilton, LB, 6-0, 222, Sr.; Kareem Ingram, LB, 5-11, 209, So.; Andre Strode, CB, 5-8, 164, So.; Sylvester Mabry, CB, 5-8, 166, Sr.; Val Lefrere, FS, 5-9, 188, So.; Roy Williams, SS, 5-11, 200, Jr.; Mike McGee, P, 6-0, 175, Jr.

MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS: Greg Primus, WR; Pat Ingrassia, TB; Steve Norton, DT.

TOP NEWCOMERS: Mike Kinney, QB; Robert Montoya, OT; Mack Craft, DB.

KEY PLAYERS LOST: Kevin Verdugo, QB; Brian Copeland, TB; Selwyn Jones, CB.

ORDER OF FINISH

1. San Diego State (9-3)

Al Luginbill has the Aztecs on track, and a tough non-conference schedule could season them for a run to the Holiday Bowl.

2. Brigham Young (8-4)

Former Heisman winner Ty Detmer is gone, but the Cougars are adept at reloading and should battle for the title.

3. Air Force (8-4)

The Falcons are the class of the service academies, and this year their wishbone could wind up in San Diego.

4. Utah (7-4)

Coach Ron McBride has the Utes up and coming, and a winning 1992 season is probably in the offing.

5. Fresno State (5-6)

Perennial Big West power now takes a shot at the WAC, but give the Bulldogs a year to settle in.

6. Texas-El Paso (5-6)

One of the league's best defenses and a potentially explosive run 'n' shoot offense could propel the Miners upward.

7. Wyoming (4-7)

A veteran defense will have to compensate for a lot of new faces on offense if the Cowboys are to ride to a winning season.

8. Hawaii (4-7)

The Rainbows' unpredictable offense must generate a lot of points for Hawaii to compete.

9. Colorado State (3-8)

Rams fans desperately want a winning program, but Coach Earle Bruce faces a lot of question marks this season.

10. New Mexico (3-8)

New head coach Dennis Franchione has a tough job ahead, but may be just the guy to turn the Lobos into a dangerous pack of wolves.

1991: WEEK BY WEEK

By Bill Doherty

From beginning to end the 1991 college football season was a year of controversy. Aug. 23, five days prior to the start of the season, Ohio State running back Robert Smith, who rushed for 1,126 yards as a freshman, quit the team and asked for the removal of Head Coach John Cooper and offensive coordinator Elliott Uzelac. He said they held little regard for academics and were unconcerned with the safety of the players. "There are elements in the program that place winning ahead of everything else," said Smith at the time. "That includes the health of the players and the academic showing of the players."

Ohio State wasn't the only major program to have its priorities questioned. In a copyrighted article in the *Birmingham (AL) News* in mid-October former Auburn defensive back Eric Ramsey claimed he knew of at least 15 players, including himself, who received cash from coaches and boosters during his five years at Auburn.

Not everything was controversial. For once the coaches and writers agreed Florida State was the team to beat in '91. Miami, Washington, Michigan, Notre Dame, Georgia Tech, Florida, Penn State, Clemson and Colorado were regarded as the other teams to watch in the race for No. 1.

WEEK 1

Aug. 28-31

At Penn State most of the preseason talk was about the bickering between long time coach Joe Paterno and senior quarterback Tony Sacca. The cause of the impasse was Paterno wanted to go with what had worked for him throughout his 26-year career, namely a suffocating defense, a solid kicking game and a conservative, mistake-free offense, while Sacca thought the Nittany Lions would be better served by airing it out. Feud? What feud? The Nittany Lions opened the season by airing it out. Before a Kickoff Classic record crowd of 77,409 Sacca completed 13 of 24 passes for 206 yards and a school-record five touchdown passes as the Nittany Lions upended defending national co-champion Georgia Tech, 34-22, at the Meadowlands.

After the game Sacca and Paterno looked more like guys making a buddy film than two competitors at each other's throats. When asked whether Sacca was happy, Paterno jokingly replied: "My buddy Tony? No, he won't be happy until he transfers to Houston." To which Sacca joked, "Maybe I can get a redshirt year and do that."

At the second annual Pigskin Classic in Anaheim, Florida State justified its preseason No. 1 ranking with a 44-28 victory over 19th-ranked Brigham Young. The Seminoles piled up 543 yards of total offense as Casey Weldon won the battle of the quarterbacks against 1990 Heisman Trophy winner, Ty Detmer. Weldon

1991 NCAA STATISTICS

DIVISION 1-A INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

	CL	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Marshall Faulk, San Diego State	Fr	9	20	1,429	71	21	158.78
Vaughn Dunbar, Indiana	Sr	11	336	1,690	51	11	154.45
Trevor Cobb, Rice	Jr	11	360	1,692	47	14	153.82
Jason Davis, Louisiana Tech	Jr	10	244	1,351	55	14	135.10
Chris Hughley, Tulane	Jr	10	267	1,326	50	8	132.60
Ryan Benjamin, Pacific (CA)	Jr	12	226	1,581	70	13	131.75
Tony Sands, Kansas	Sr	11	273	1,442	53	9	131.09
Billy Smith, Central Michigan	Sr	11	374	1,440	39	6	130.91
Derek Brown, Nebraska	So	11	230	1,313	57	14	119.36
Mike Gaddis, Oklahoma	Sr	11	221	1,240	56	14	112.73
Tony Smith, Southern Mississippi	Sr	9	194	998	51	8	110.89
Greg Hill, Texas A&M	Fr	11	240	1,216	51	12	110.65
Tico Duckett, Michigan State	Jr	11	272	1,204	44	5	109.45
Kevin Williams, UCLA	Jr	10	188	1,089	58	8	108.60
Ricky Powers, Michigan	So	11	230	1,187	52	9	107.91
Russell White, California	Jr	11	241	1,177	49	14	107.00
Natrone Means, North Carolina	So	10	201	1,030	51	11	103.00
Brian Copeland, Colorado State	Sr	10	190	1,028	54	5	102.80
Ernie Rhett, Florida	So	11	224	1,109	50	10	100.82
Reggie Yarbrough, Cal State Fullerton	Sr	9	195	905	46	3	100.56
Corey Harris, Vanderbilt	Sr	11	229	1,103	48	4	100.27
Eric Gallon, Kansas State	Jr	11	224	1,102	49	9	100.18
Timothy Curtis, Ohio	So	11	271	1,085	40	10	98.64
Tommy Vardell, Stanford	Sr	11	226	1,084	48	20	98.55
Ron Rivers, Fresno State	So	10	134	984	73	5	98.40
Rob Perez, Air Force	Sr	12	233	1,157	50	10	96.42
Corey Croom, Ball State	Jr	11	291	1,053	36	8	95.73
Roger Grant, Utah State	Sr	11	218	1,017	47	4	92.45
Lamont Warren, Colorado	Fr	9	157	830	53	7	92.22
David Small, Cincinnati	Fr	11	198	1,004	51	4	91.27
Michael Carter, Hawaii	So	12	221	1,092	49	16	91.00
Maceo Barbosa, San Jose State	Sr	11	207	999	48	10	90.82
Calvin Jones, Nebraska	Fr	10	108	900	83	14	90.00
Keith Williams, Utah	So	12	207	1,078	52	6	89.67
David Walker, Syracuse	Jr	11	169	969	57	7	88.09
Garrison Hearst, Georgia	So	11	153	968	63	9	88.00
Siran Stacy, Alabama	Sr	11	206	966	46	10	87.82
Beno Bryant, Washington	Jr	11	158	913	60	8	86.73
James Stewart, Tennessee	Fr	11	190	939	49	8	85.36
Shaunbe Wright-Fair, Washington State	Jr	10	187	843	45	5	84.30
Myron Williams, Army	Gr	11	100	924	50	3	84.00
Mike Saunders, Iowa	Sr	11	197	919	47	8	83.55
Adrian Murrell, West Virginia	Jr	11	201	904	45	6	82.18
Amp Lee, Florida State	Jr	12	186	977	53	11	81.42
Jerome Bettis, Notre Dame	So	12	169	971	57	16	80.92
Terry Kirby, Virginia	Jr	11	164	887	54	7	80.64
LeRoy Smith, Bowling Green	Jr	11	271	887	33	9	80.64
David Mims, Baylor	Jr	11	148	852	58	3	77.45
Jason Jones, Air Force	Sr	10	156	771	49	7	77.10
Adam Dach, Northern Illinois	Sr	11	165	847	51	5	77.00

SCORING

	CL	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PTPG
Marshall Faulk, San Diego State	Fr	9	23	2	0	140	15.56
Desmond Howard, Michigan	Sr	11	23	0	0	138	12.55
Tommy Vardell, Stanford	Sr	11	20	0	0	120	10.91
Jerome Bettis, Notre Dame	So	12	20	0	0	120	10.00
Aaron Turner, Pacific (CA)	Jr	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Mario Bailey, Washington	Sr	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Russell White, California	Jr	11	16	2	0	98	8.91
Doug Brion, California	So	11	0	41	19	98	8.91
Derek Mahoney, Fresno State	So	11	0	63	11	96	8.73
Jason Davis, Louisiana Tech	Jr	10	14	0	0	84	8.40
Calvin Jones, Nebraska	Fr	10	14	0	0	84	8.40
Ryan Benjamin, Pacific (CA)	Jr	12	16	2	0	98	8.17
Michael Carter, Hawaii	So	12	16	0	0	96	8.00
Carlos Huerta, Miami (FL)	Sr	11	0	37	17	88	8.00
Tony Venetouhas, Texas A&M	So	11	0	49	13	88	8.00
Orlly Fayak, Penn State	So	12	0	42	7	93	7.75
Lin Elliott, Texas Tech	Sr	11	0	34	17	85	7.73
Dan Eichloff, Kansas	So	11	0	31	18	85	7.73
John Biskup, Syracuse	Jr	11	0	34	17	85	7.73
Derek Brown, Nebraska	So	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Chip Hilleary, Kansas	Jr	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Mike Gaddis, Oklahoma	Sr	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Trevor Cobb, Rice	Jr	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Marcus Wilson, Vanderbilt	Jr	9	11	2	0	68	7.56
Anthony Brenner, East Carolina	So	11	0	40	14	82	7.45

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

	CL	G	CT	YDS	TD	CTPG
Fred Gilbert, Houston	Jr	11	106	957	7	9.64
Aaron Turner, Pacific (CA)	Jr	11	92	1,604	18	8.36
Marcus Grant, Houston	Jr	11	78	1,262	10	7.09
Wilbert Ursin, Tulane	So	11	70	969	8	6.36

Carl Winston, New Mexico	So	12	76	1177	7	633
Sean LaChapelle, UCLA	Jr	11	60	907	11	610
Greg Primus, Colorado State	Jr	11	67	1081	8	608
Chris Walsh, Stanford	Sr	11	66	934	6	600
Mark Szlachcic, Bowling Green	Jr	11	65	943	8	591
Kelly Blackwell, Texas Christian	Sr	11	64	762	6	582
Robert Rivers, Wyoming	Sr	10	57	742	7	570
Mario Bailey, Washington	Sr	11	62	1037	17	564
James Guarantano, Rutgers	Sr	11	62	740	2	564
Desmond Howard, Michigan	Sr	11	61	950	19	555
Rod Moore, Utah State	Sr	11	60	944	10	545
Kameno Bell, Illinois	Sr	11	60	484	0	545
Jason Wolf, Southern Methodist	Jr	11	59	565	4	536
Patrick Rowe, San Diego State	Sr	11	57	822	5	518
Daryl Hobbs, Pacific (CA)	Sr	12	62	772	12	517

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	CL	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG
Aaron Turner, Pacific (CA)	Jr	11	92	1604	18	145.82
Marcus Grant, Houston	Jr	11	78	1262	10	114.73
Greg Primus, Colorado State	Jr	11	67	1081	8	98.27
Ryan Verbergh, Wyoming	So	11	63	1081	13	98.27
Carl Winston, New Mexico	So	12	76	1177	7	98.08
Mario Bailey, Washington	Sr	11	62	1037	17	94.27
Sean LaChapelle, UCLA	Jr	11	60	907	11	80.73
Wilbert Ursin, Tulane	So	11	70	969	9	88.09
Fred Gilbert, Houston	Jr	11	106	957	7	87.00
Desmond Howard, Michigan	Sr	11	61	950	19	80.36
Rod Moore, Utah State	Sr	11	60	944	10	85.27
Mark Szlachcic, Bowling Green	Jr	11	65	943	8	85.73
Chris Walsh, Stanford	Sr	11	66	934	6	84.9
Eric Drago, Brigham Young	So	12	46	1018	10	84.83
Bryan Rowley, Utah	Jr	12	60	1011	11	84.25
Hunter Gallimore, East Carolina	Sr	11	49	881	8	80.09
Carl Pickens, Tennessee	Jr	11	49	877	5	79.73
Richard Hill, Ohio	Sr	11	49	863	3	78.45
Todd Kinchen, Louisiana State	Sr	11	53	855	5	77.73
Melvin Bonner, Baylor	Jr	11	34	636	4	70.00
Mark Benson, Northwestern	Sr	11	45	871	7	75.55
Patrick Rowe, San Diego State	Sr	11	57	822	5	74.73

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 10 att. per game)	CL	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	PCT	YDS	ATT	TD	TD PCT	RATING
Elvis Grubbs, Michigan	Sr	11	226	152	66.7	5	2.19	4955	857	74	10.53	160.0
Ty Detmer, Brigham Young	Sr	12	402	249	61.7	12	2.98	4031	10.00	35	8.68	158.5
Jeff Garcia, San Jose State	So	9	160	99	61.8	8	3.13	1319	9.49	12	7.30	150.1
Matt Blundin, Virginia	Sr	9	224	135	60.2	0	0.00	1902	8.49	19	8.48	159.6
Troy Kopp, Pacific (CA)	Jr	12	449	275	61.2	16	3.56	3787	8.39	37	8.24	151.8
Steve Stensstrom, Stanford	So	9	197	119	60.4	7	3.55	1693	8.54	15	7.61	150.2
Tony Sacco, Penn State	Jr	12	292	169	57.8	5	1.71	2488	8.52	21	9	149.8
Rick Mirer, Notre Dame	Jr	12	234	132	56.4	10	4.27	2116	8.04	18	7.69	149.2
Shane Matthews, Florida	Jr	11	361	218	60.3	18	4.99	3130	8.67	28	7.76	148.6
Kellie McCann, Nebraska	Sr	11	168	97	57.7	8	4.70	1454	8.05	13	7.74	146.5
Casey Weldon, Florida State	Sr	11	143	189	60.3	8	2.55	2527	8.07	22	7.03	146.3
Billy Joe Hobert, Washington	So	11	285	173	60.7	10	3.51	2271	7.97	22	7.72	146.1
Jeff Blake, East Carolina	Sr	11	368	203	55.1	8	2.17	3073	8.35	28	7.61	146.1
Matt Rodgers, Iowa	Sr	9	255	166	65.1	10	3.92	2075	8.05	14	5.49	143.0
Mike Pawlawski, California	Sr	11	316	191	60.4	13	4.11	2517	7.97	21	6.65	141.1
Kevin Verducci, Colorado State	Sr	11	265	159	60.0	11	4.15	2148	8.3	17	6.62	140.6
T.J. Rubley, Tulsa	Sr	11	260	148	56.9	9	3.46	2054	7.90	18	6.92	139.2
Gino Torretta, Miami (FL)	Jr	11	371	205	55.2	8	2.15	3095	8.34	20	5.33	138.8
David Lowery, San Diego State	So	12	311	176	56.5	12	3.86	2575	8.28	19	6.11	138.6
Marvin Graves, Syracuse	So	11	221	131	59.2	11	4.98	1912	7.65	10	4.52	136.0
Len Williams, Northwestern	Jr	11	212	131	61.7	6	2.83	1630	7.69	10	4.72	136.3
Tom Corontzos, Wyoming	Sr	11	363	203	55.9	8	2.20	2868	7.90	19	5.23	135.2
Bucky Richardson, Texas A&M	Sr	10	136	79	58.0	10	6.41	1492	9.56	8	5.13	135.1
Tommy Maddox, UCLA	So	11	375	192	50.9	15	4.76	2505	7.85	16	5.08	135.0
William Robinson, Mississippi State	Jr	9	141	77	54.6	7	4.96	1167	8.28	8	5.67	132.9
Andy Kelly, Tennessee	Sr	11	361	228	63.1	15	4.16	2759	7.54	5	4.16	132.5
Frank Dolce, Utah	Jr	11	314	177	56.3	10	3.18	2444	7.68	16	5.10	132.2
J.J. Joe, Baylor	So	11	206	109	52.9	8	3.88	1853	9.00	7	3.40	131.9
Bobby Fuller, South Carolina	Sr	11	340	202	59.4	8	2.35	2524	7.42	15	4.41	131.6
Matt Venick, San Jose State	Sr	9	206	110	53.4	0	0.00	1752	6.50	0	4.37	131.5
Jason Vertuzio, Illinois	Jr	11	382	235	61.5	11	2.88	2825	7.40	15	3.91	130.8
Robert Hall, Texas Tech	So	10	220	111	50.4	5	2.27	1788	8.13	10	4.55	129.2
Darlan Hagan, Colorado	So	11	170	88	51.7	6	3.53	1228	7.22	12	7.00	128.7
Trent Green, Indiana	Jr	11	318	189	59.4	14	4.40	2462	7.74	12	3.77	128.1
Drew Bledsoe, Washington	So	11	358	199	55.5	15	4.19	2741	7.66	17	4.75	127.2
Glen Foley, Boston College	So	11	298	153	51.3	17	5.70	2225	7.47	21	7.05	125.9
Eric White, Bowling Green	Jr	11	323	185	57.2	10	3.10	2204	6.82	17	5.26	125.8
David Klingler, Houston	Sr	10	497	278	55.9	17	3.42	3388	6.82	29	5.84	125.6
Paul Walton, Kansas State	Sr	11	304	172	56.5	10	3.29	2312	7.01	10	3.29	124.7
W.W. Furrer, Virginia Tech	Sr	9	257	148	57.5	16	6.23	1830	6.98	16	5.84	123.0
Chad Long, Louisiana State	So	9	174	102	58.6	8	4.60	1181	6.79	9	5.17	123.5
Dechae Cameron, Clemson	Sr	11	183	111	57.5	7	3.83	1478	7.66	5	2.59	123.1
David Givens, New Mexico State	Jr	11	205	112	54.6	7	3.41	1324	7.43	0	3.39	123.1
Alex Van Pelt, Pittsburgh	Sr	11	388	227	57.0	14	3.52	2795	7.03	15	3.77	121.4
Cale Gundy, Oklahoma	So	10	172	91	52.9	7	4.07	1228	7.14	8	4.65	120.1
Eric Zeller, Georgia	So	11	286	159	55.5	4	1.40	1984	6.94	7	2.45	119.1
Gone Johnson, Louisiana Tech	Sr	11	207	116	57.0	6	2.90	1281	6.19	10	4.83	119.1
Mike Neu, Ball State	So	9	225	141	62.6	9	4.00	1491	6.63	6	2.67	119.1
Proctor Jones, Kentucky	Fr	9	138	81	58.7	4	2.90	954	6.91	3	2.17	116
Mike Porez, UTEP	So	12	265	131	49.4	7	2.64	1912	7.22	10	3.77	117.2

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	CL	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	YDS	YDSPG
Ryan Benjamin, Pacific (CA)	Jr	12	1581	612	4	798	2995	249.58
Vaughn Dunbar, Indiana	Sr	11	1699	252	0	262	2213	201.18
Marshall Faulk, San Diego State	Fr	9	1429	201	0	33	1663	184.78
Trevor Cobb, Rice	Jr	11	1692	136	0	16	1844	167.64
Corey Harris, Vanderbilt	Sr	11	1103	283	0	443	83	100.43
Tony Smith, Southern Mississippi	Sr	9	998	97	115	271	1481	164.56
Desmond Howard, Michigan	Sr	11	165	930	261	373	1749	159.00
Chris Hughley, Tulsa	Jr	10	1326	74	0	190	1591	159.00
Russell White, California	Jr	11	1177	139	0	408	1724	156.73
Dion Johnson, East Carolina	Sr	11	255	743	162	613	1673	152.09
Charles Levy, Arizona	Fr	10	505	289	0	682	1476	147.60
Jason Davis, Louisiana Tech	Jr	10	1351	110	0	14	1476	147.60
Aaron Turner, Pacific (CA)	Jr	11	0	1604	0	0	1604	145.82
Harold Robinson, Akron	Sr	11	48	779	0	771	1598	145.27
Billy Smith, Central Michigan	So	11	1440	79	0	17	1636	130.64
Glyn Milburn, Stanford	Jr	11	598	454	186	276	1514	137.64
Errett Rhett, Florida	So	11	1109	361	0	0	1470	133.64
Tony Sands, Kansas	Sr	11	1442	7	0	0	1449	131.73
Derek Brown, Nebraska	So	11	1313	86	0	24	1426	129.36
Brad Smith, Kent State	Sr	9	645	202	0	292	1139	126.58

was 21 for 28 for 268 yards and a pair of touchdown passes. Detmer was 19 of 32 for 229 yards with one interception.

While Detmer endured a tough start, Houston gunslinger David Klingler, the other preseason Heisman Trophy favorite, opened his senior season in style, riddling poor Louisiana Tech for 510 yards and nine TD passes in a 73-3 rout.

WEEK 2

Sept. 7

Talk about a Heisman jinx. Since winning the award near the conclusion of the 1990 season, Detmer suffered two shoulder injuries, a slew of interceptions and four straight losses. In the fourth straight defeat, a 27-23 loss to UCLA, there was a lone bright spot. Detmer became the most prolific passer in NCAA history by bringing his career passing total to 11,606 yards, surpassing former San Diego State quarterback Todd Santos (11,425 career yards).

While the reigning Heisman Trophy winner was having his problems, a new candidate was starting to make his case. Michigan junior wide receiver Desmond Howard caught three touchdown passes and returned a kickoff 93 yards for another score in the Wolverines' 35-13 victory over Boston College.

Penn State stamped itself as an early threat for a national championship, following a win over Georgia Tech with an 81-0 pounding of Cincinnati. The Nittany Lions piled up 706 yards total offense and had seven different players score at least one touchdown. Top-ranked Florida State also picked up its second win, 38-11 over Tulane—which gave the Seminoles the short completions—but refused to be beaten by the long pass. "They chose slow death," Florida State Bobby Bowden joked.

WEEK 3

Sept. 14

Miami (FL) played an unfamiliar role in its nationally televised night game against the run 'n' shoot Houston Cougars. The Canes, normally the bad boys of college football, were the people's choice in this one. After all, Houston had the annoying habit of padding its quarterback's stats in games when it was already ahead by a comfortable margin. An example: David Klingler threw nine touchdown passes in the Cougars' season-opening 73-3 victory over Louisiana Tech.

The Hurricanes would have none of that. Miami dismantled Houston 40-10 before 71,842 rowdy Orange Bowl fans, destroying Houston's designs on the national championship and putting a dent in Klingler's Heisman candidacy. With Houston trying to cover the Hurricanes' wideouts man-to-man, Miami quarterback Gino Torretta was the night's throwing star, completing 16 of 35 passes for 365 yards and four TDs. Klingler was 32 of 59 for 216 yards. "Kling who? Kling who?" wondered Miami wide receiver Lamar Thomas, who caught two touchdown passes. "Houston was frustrated on offense, on defense and in every other phase of the game."

Michigan's Desmond Howard moved to the head of the Heisman class, and the Wolverines

ended a four-year losing streak to Notre Dame with a 24-14 victory, thanks to *the catch*. Facing fourth-and-one with a 17-14 lead and nine minutes remaining, Michigan coach Gary Moeller called time out. Fans who expected the three-yards-and-lose-the-Rose-Bowl-in-a-cloud-of-dust approach of Moeller's predecessor, Bo Schembechler, were shocked. Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac saw the Irish were showing blitz, took a short drop, pump-faked and threw a fade pass to a tightly covered Howard, who went parallel to the ground and caught the ball.

Elsewhere, Florida quarterback Shane Matthews passed for 251 yards and three scores, and Errict Rhett ran for 170 yards and a touchdown as the Gators rolled to a 35-0 victory over Alabama. Washington's defense held Stanford to 28 yards rushing and forced six turnovers, including defensive lineman Steve Emtman's first career interception in a 42-7 victory. Tennessee vaulted from No. 11 to No. 6 in the polls after its 30-16 victory over UCLA. Baylor's Santana Dotson blocked a short field goal with three minutes left, setting up his teammate Jeff Ireland for a 51-yarder with 51 seconds remaining to lift Baylor over defending national co-champion Colorado, 16-14. Two years removed from officially being able to play in the Big Ten, Penn State already started playing the way its future brethren always seem to in sunny California, losing to USC, 21-10. San Diego State freshman Marshall Faulk shocked himself and the college football world by rushing for an NCAA single-game-record 386 yards and seven TDs in the Aztecs' 55-34 victory over Pacific. "Golly, stuff like this doesn't happen to a freshman," Faulk said afterward.

WEEK 4

Sept. 21

Washington came from 12 points down to decimate Nebraska, 36-21, in Lincoln. Billy Joe Hobert ran for two touchdowns and passed for a third as the Huskies amassed 618 yards of total offense. With the loss Nebraska fell for the sixth straight time to a nationally ranked opponent. In a class move Nebraska fans applauded Washington's effort. "I think we showed how good we are," said Washington center Ed Cunningham, explaining the unexpected ovation. "These people know football, and they respected us for what we did."

Syracuse also gained some national respect with a 38-21 upset of fifth-ranked Florida, its first win over a top-10 team since beating, you guessed it, Nebraska in 1984. The Orangemen held Florida to -17 yards rushing while grinding out 250 yards of their own on the ground. For the second consecutive year Georgia Tech senior kicker Scott Sisson defeated Virginia with a last-second field goal. His 33-yarder in the game's final play gave the Yellow Jackets a 24-21 Atlantic Coast Conference win. Corey Barlow had a 29-yard interception return for a touchdown to lead Auburn to a 14-10 win over host Texas. Chris Hughley rushed for 231 yards and three touchdowns as Tulsa stunned Texas A&M, 35-34.

Tough times continued for the two preseason

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING				PASSING				TOTAL OFFENSE			
	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	ATT	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS	YDPL	TD	YSPG
Ty Detmer, Brigham Young	75	272	302	30	403	403	478	478	4001	837	39	333.42
David Klingler, Houston	92	212	374	162	497	3388	589	3226	548	30	322.60	
Troy Kopp, Pacific (CA)	47	114	195	81	449	3767	496	3686	743	38	307.17	
Jeff Blake, East Carolina	77	286	177	109	368	3073	445	3182	715	31	289.27	
Gino Torretta, Miami (FL)	49	174	114	60	371	3095	420	3155	751	22	286.82	
Shane Matthews, Florida	50	149	139	10	361	3130	411	3140	764	29	285.45	
Dave Brown, Duke	90	334	277	57	427	2794	342	2851	541	25	259.18	
Andy Kelly, Tennessee	57	170	110	60	361	2759	418	2819	574	18	256.27	
Jason Verducci, Illinois	47	137	181	44	382	2625	429	2781	648	15	252.82	
Alex Van Pelt, Pittsburgh	26	55	74	19	398	2795	424	2777	555	16	252.45	
Tom Caronizos, Wyoming	86	174	313	139	363	2868	449	2729	608	22	248.09	
Mark Rogers, Iowa	61	276	17	33	255	2094	316	2261	698	18	249.22	
Trent Green, Indiana	102	400	199	201	318	2462	420	2663	634	23	242.09	
Drew Bledsoe, Washington State	104	258	352	94	358	2741	462	2647	573	19	240.64	
Casey Weldon, Florida State	38	99	129	30	313	2627	351	2497	711	22	227.00	
Tommy Maddox, UCLA	72	176	209	33	315	2505	387	2472	639	18	224.73	
Frank Dolce, Utah	77	226	213	13	314	2444	391	2457	628	20	223.36	
Mike Pawlawski, California	37	60	126	66	316	251	353	2451	648	22	221.82	
Shawn Jones, Georgia Tech	114	538	177	361	339	2288	453	2649	585	18	220.75	
David Lowery, San Diego State	59	147	132	15	311	2575	370	2590	700	22	215.83	
Bobby Fuller, South Carolina	49	57	218	161	340	2524	389	2363	507	15	214.82	
Paul Watson, Kansas State	110	350	308	42	304	2312	414	2354	569	15	214.00	
Matt Blundin, Virginia	30	69	59	10	224	1902	254	1912	753	20	212.44	
Billy Joe Hobert, Washington	53	111	61	96	285	221	318	2421	332	27	211.55	
Erik White, Bowling Green	57	154	71	83	323	2204	380	2287	602	18	207.91	
Robert Hall, Texas Tech	91	468	190	278	220	1788	311	2066	642	16	206.60	
Will Furrer, Virginia Tech	23	85	56	29	257	1820	280	1849	640	15	205.44	
Tony Sacca, Penn State	84	242	303	51	292	2488	376	2427	645	25	202.25	
Rick Mirer, Notre Dame	75	377	71	306	234	2116	309	2422	784	27	201.83	
Kevin Meyer, Toledo	94	511	104	407	276	1787	370	2194	593	11	199.45	
Phil Johnson, Missouri	67	342	184	158	311	2029	378	2187	579	14	198.82	
Matt Veatch, San Jose State	18	70	60	10	206	1752	224	1762	787	9	195.78	
Bucky Richardson, Texas A&M	103	543	95	448	156	1492	259	1490	749	18	194.00	
Glenn Foley, Boston College	53	112	216	104	298	2225	351	2121	604	21	192.82	
Keith McCall, Nebraska	117	770	116	654	168	1454	285	2108	740	20	191.64	
William Robinson, Mississippi State	154	694	151	543	141	1167	295	1710	581	13	190.00	
Michael Carter, Hawaii	221	1279	187	1092	205	1172	426	2254	531	20	188.67	
Jeff Garcia, San Jose State	46	241	94	147	160	1519	206	1666	809	17	185.11	
Jeff Sweitzer, Akron	106	562	142	420	220	1599	326	2019	619	13	183.55	
Reggie Perry, USC	105	402	148	254	255	1574	360	828	508	8	182.80	
J.J. Joe, Baylor	116	362	215	147	206	1853	322	2000	621	13	181.82	
T.J. Rubley, Tulsa	55	119	175	56	260	2054	315	1998	634	18	181.64	
Brad Taylor, Western Michigan	62	182	136	46	328	1949	390	1995	512	17	181.36	
Kevin Verducci, Colorado State	64	93	241	148	265	2138	329	1990	605	19	180.91	
Ron Lopez, Utah State	41	4	240	236	314	2221	355	1985	559	19	180.45	

FIELD GOALS

	CL	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FGPG
Doug Brian, California	So	11	28	19	679	1.73
Dan Eichloff, Kansas	So	11	24	18	750	1.64
Jason Elam, Hawaii	Jr	12	24	19	792	1.58
Carlos Huerta, Miami (FL)	Sr	11	21	17	810	1.55
John Bishop, Syracuse	Jr	11	22	17	773	1.55
Nelson Welch, Clemson	Fr	11	26	17	654	1.55
Lin Elliott, Texas Tech	Sr	11	26	17	654	1.55
Eric Lange, Tulsa	Jr	11	18	16	889	1.45
Joe Wood, Air Force	Sr	12	22	17	773	1.42
Craig Fayak, Penn State	So	12	26	17	654	1.42
Chuck Selinger, Central Michigan	So	11	24	15	625	1.36
Jim Von Wyl, Auburn	Sr	11	26	15	577	1.36
Pedro Suarez, Louisiana State	Jr	10	19	13	684	1.30
Mike Green, Wake Forest	So	11	19	14	737	1.27
Anthony Brenner, East Carolina	So	11	22	14	636	1.27
Jeff Jacke, Missouri	Jr	9	14	11	786	1.22
Daron Alcorn, Akron	Jr	11	17	13	765	1.18
Terry Vernetoulas, Texas A&M	So	11	18	13	722	1.18
Louis Perez, UCLA	So	11	18	13	722	1.18
Brian Lee, Mississippi	Jr	11	19	13	684	1.18

INTERCEPTIONS

	CL	G	NO	YDS	TD	IPG
Terrell Buckley, Florida State	Jr	12	12	238	2	1.00
Carlton Gray, UCLA	Jr	11	10	119	1	.91
Willie Clay, Georgia Tech	Sr	12	9	66	1	.75
Ray Buchanan, Louisville	Jr	11	8	89	0	.73
Tracy Saul, Texas Tech	Jr	11	8	79	0	.73
Richard Palmer, Eastern Michigan	So	11	7	219	1	.64
Ron Carpenter, Miami (UM)	Jr	11	7	197	1	.64
Ron Edwards, Utah State	Sr	11	7	146	2	.64
Waller Bailey, Washington	Jr	11	7	114	2	.64
Willie Lindsey, Northwestern	Jr	11	7	52	0	.64
Darius Watson, Cal State Fullerton	So	10	6	17	0	.60
Steve Israel, Pittsburgh	So	11	6	127	1	.55
George Teague, Alabama	Jr	11	6	96	0	.55
Scott Harmon, Oklahoma State	So	11	6	90	0	.55
George Chatlos, Navy	Jr	11	6	90	1	.55
Jimmy Young, Purdue	So	11	6	29	1	.55
Michael McFarland, Baylor	Jr	11	6	15	0	.55

PUNT RETURNS

	CL	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Bo Campbell, Virginia Tech	Jr	15	273	0	18.20
Desmond Howard, Michigan	Sr	15	261	1	17.40
David Palmer, Alabama	Fr	24	386	3	16.08
Kevin Williams, Miami (FL)	So	36	560	3	15.56
James McMillon, Iowa State	So	17	251	0	14.76
Kevin Smith, Texas A&M	Sr	19	275	2	14.47
Michael James, Arkansas	Sr	19	272	1	14.32
Darnell Stephens, Clemson	Fr	25	352	1	14.08
Brad Clark, Brigham Young	Jr	20	269	1	13.45
Marshall Roberts, Rutgers	Sr	34	454	0	13.35
Enc Blount, North Carolina	Sr	31	394	1	12.71
Jeff Burns, Notre Dame	So	18	227	0	12.61
Thomas Bailey, Auburn	Fr	42	528	1	12.57
Tracy Saul, Texas Tech	Jr	16	200	0	12.50
George Coghill, Wake Forest	Jr	25	312	1	12.48
V. Brownlee, Mississippi	Sr	28	341	1	12.18
Matt Gay, Kansas	Jr	15	182	0	12.13
Eric Guilford, Arizona State	Jr	15	178	1	11.87
Darian Hagan, Colorado	Jr	25	287	0	11.48
Terry Vaughn, Arizona	So	24	269	1	11.21
Robert Rivers, Wyoming	Sr	24	265	1	11.04
A. Hickman, Texas Christian	Jr	21	230	0	10.95
H. Cooper, Nov.-Las Vegas	Sr	17	186	0	10.94
O.J. McDuffie, Penn State	Jr	33	358	2	10.85

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	CL	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
F. Montgomery, New Mexico State	Jr	25	734	1	29.36
Ronald Rice, Eastern Michigan	Fr	11	319	0	29.00
Jeff Snyder, Hawaii	Jr	18	495	0	27.50
C. Hawkins, Michigan State	Sr	20	548	0	27.40
Eric Blount, North Carolina	Sr	25	679	1	27.16
Andre Hastings, Georgia	So	14	380	0	27.14
Floyd Foreman, Utah State	Sr	27	730	0	27.04
Gary Melton, Rutgers	So	17	435	1	25.59
Charles Levy, Arizona	Fr	27	682	0	25.26
Donovan Moore, Oregon	Jr	13	327	0	25.15
Qadry Ismail, Syracuse	Jr	19	475	1	25.00

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	CL	NO	AVG
Mark Bounds, Texas Tech	Sr	53	46.81
Jason Christ, Air Force	Sr	50	45.66
Pete Raether, Arkansas	So	65	43.63
Shayne Edge, Florida	Fr	48	43.28
Charles Langston, Houston	Sr	52	43.19
Eric Bunn, Purdue	Sr	59	43.19
Garret Henson, New Mexico State	Sr	54	43.07
Rusty Carlsen, Utah State	Sr	56	43.01
Ray Magana, Long Beach State	Sr	57	42.91
David Lawrence, Vanderbilt	Jr	54	42.74
Ed Bunn, UTEP	Jr	63	42.46
Dan Elchloff, Kansas	So	58	42.33
Pat O'Neill, Syracuse	So	45	42.20
John Jett, East Carolina	Sr	48	42.19
Jeff Buffaloe, Memphis	Jr	40	42.06
Mike Stigge, Nebraska	Jr	39	42.03
Ed Carno, Virginia	Fr	47	42.02
Brian Parvin, Nevada-Las Vegas	Jr	48	41.94
Scott Armstrong, Georgia	So	40	41.90
Bill Hawk, Kentucky	Sr	54	41.70
Darrin Alcorn, Akron	Jr	41	41.71
Trent Thompson, Temple	Sr	49	41.20
Brian Grimm, Louisiana State	Sr	53	41.08

DIVISION 1-A TEAM LEADERS

PASSING OFFENSE

	S	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	ATT	TD	YDS/PG
Houston	11	591	330	24	55.8	4101	6.9	33	372.8
Brigham Young	12	420	257	14	61.2	4125	9.8	35	343.8
Pacific (CA)	12	500	300	18	60.0	4114	8.2	42	342.6
Florida	11	390	235	19	60.3	3393	8.7	32	308.5
East Carolina	11	414	229	10	55.3	3379	8.2	30	307.2
San Jose State	11	374	211	14	56.4	3338	8.9	21	303.5
New Mexico	12	518	246	24	47.5	3584	6.9	20	298.7
Wyoming	11	400	227	10	56.7	3264	8.2	24	296.7
Miami (FL)	11	396	223	11	56.3	3244	8.2	20	294.9
Washington State	11	395	218	16	55.2	3028	7.7	19	275.3
San Diego State	12	434	228	15	52.5	3263	7.5	27	271.9
Duke	11	450	236	16	52.4	2887	6.4	20	262.5
Illinois	11	392	240	11	61.2	2877	7.3	16	261.5
Florida State	12	390	234	11	60.0	3114	8.0	28	259.5
Texas Christian	11	445	239	19	53.7	2840	6.4	17	258.2
Tennessee	11	366	231	15	63.1	2813	7.7	16	255.7
Pittsburgh	11	401	229	14	57.1	2809	7.0	15	255.4
UCLA	11	332	203	15	61.1	2703	8.2	17	246.4
South Carolina	11	367	217	8	59.1	2703	7.4	15	245.7
Missouri	11	406	218	15	53.7	2681	6.6	18	241.9
Fresno State	11	309	190	8	61.5	2658	8.6	20	241.6
Washington	11	337	203	12	60.2	2640	7.8	26	240.0
New Mexico State	11	351	199	13	56.7	2594	7.4	14	235.8
Indiana	11	336	198	15	58.9	2579	7.7	12	234.5
Utah	12	374	210	15	56.1	2809	7.5	18	234.1

PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	S	ATT	CMP	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	YDS/	TD	PCT	RATING
								ATT			POINTS
Texas	11	304	115	37	83	1513	4.98	7	2	30	77.37
Texas A&M	11	290	129	44	48	1483	5.00	5	6	20	85.10
Washington	11	340	156	45	88	21	5.18	1870	5.50	5	85.55
Miami (FL)	11	346	175	50	58	10	5.49	1724	4.98	7	88.13
Penn State	12	397	172	43	32	26	6.55	2246	5.66	11	88.56
Virginia	11	267	137	51	31	12	4.49	1512	5.66	1	91.13
Arizona State	11	290	143	49	31	23	7.93	1676	5.78	9	92.24
Tulsa	11	275	124	46	41	18	6.55	1586	5.77	10	94.26
Georgia Tech	12	369	178	48	24	18	4.88	1989	5.39	12	94.49
Oklahoma	11	328	161	49	09	23	7.62	2004	6.11	0	95.22
Fresno State	11	260	109	40	52	13	4.83	1597	6.31	10	96.11
Alabama	11	289	136	47	06	20	6.92	1851	6.40	9	97.30
Miami (OH)	11	300	143	47	67	21	7.00	1771	5.90	13	97.55
Wisconsin	11	358	132	61	16	16	6.81	1470	6.70	10	99.19
Eastern Michigan	11	290	147	50	69	18	6.21	1785	6.15	9	100.22
Ball State	11	252	122	48	41	12	4.76	1607	6.38	6	100.31
Florida State	12	370	192	50	73	25	6.61	2381	6.30	13	101.83
Central Michigan	11	302	160	52	98	14	4.64	1799	5.96	8	102.49
Colorado	11	286	141	49	30	13	4.55	1886	6.59	6	102.53
North Carolina State	11	329	173	53	19	18	5.47	1997	6.07	10	103.27
Bowling Green	11	321	171	53	27	16	4.98	2035	6.34	7	103.75
Mississippi State	11	329	163	49	54	14	4.26	2091	6.36	10	104.45
Baylor	11	337	174	51	63	22	6.53	2331	6.92	8	104.51
Toledo	11	288	148	54	48	10	3.73	1598	5.96	7	105.72
Iowa	11	262	131	50	00	11	4.20	1603	6.12	11	106.85

TURNOVER MARGIN

	FUM	INT	TOTAL	FUM	INT	TOTAL	MARGIN
Penn State	18	26	42	13	7	20	1.83
Washington	18	21	39	8	12	20	1.73
Florida State	12	25	37	6	11	17	1.67
North Carolina State	17	18	35	8	9	17	1.64
East Carolina	16	18	34	8	10	18	1.64
Miami (OH)	11	21	32	0	10	10	1.45
Baylor	20	22	42	18	9	27	1.38
Oklahoma	8	25	33	11	7	18	1.36
Bowling Green	16	16	32	8	10	18	1.27
Nebraska	15	16	31	9	8	17	1.27
California	13	22	35	7	14	21	1.27
Alabama	16	20	35	14	7	21	1.27

Heisman favorites. Ty Detmer, the 1990 winner, was held in check by Penn State, completing just eight of 26 passes for 158 yards as the Cougars fell to 0-3 for the first time in 16 years with a 33-7 loss. Houston's David Klingler was embarrassed again. He was sacked five times and threw four interceptions as the Cougars were blasted by Illinois, 51-10. To make matters worse, his counterpart, Illinois quarterback Jason Verduzco, was 16 of 22 for 340 yards and three TDs.

WEEK 5

Sept. 28

In the first mammoth showdown of the season No. 1 Florida State outgunned No. 3 Michigan, 51-31, before 106,145 at Michigan Stadium. Senior quarterback Casey Weldon was 16 of 28 for 268 yards and three touchdowns, and tailback Amp Lee rushed for 122 yards and two TDs. The 51 points were the most ever scored by a Michigan opponent at Michigan Stadium. "The days when Casey's hot, and we don't drop 'em, well, he just ignites the whole dang thang," said a beaming Bobby Bowden. In the head-to-head battle of All Americans Desmond Howard had 189 yards total offense and two touchdowns, while Florida State cornerback Terrell Buckley took a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown. Buckley commented: "He has pride. I have pride. He beat me some. I beat him some. But we won, right?" However, not all was right for the top-ranked Seminoles. Offering a clue of things to come, Florida State's kicking game was weak as the Seminoles missed three extra points against Michigan.

The kicking game wasn't a problem at Washington State, where Jason Hanson booted a 62-yarder—the longest in NCAA history without a kicking tee—in the Cougars 40-13 victory over UNLV.

WEEK 6

Oct. 5

The top three ranked teams, Florida State, Miami (FL) and Washington, all continued to roll. Florida State quarterback Casey Weldon threw for a career-high 347 yards and three touchdowns as the No. 1 ranked Seminoles routed No. 10 Syracuse, 46-14. Florida State piled up 642 yards against one of the nation's stingiest defenses. Miami topped 500 yards in total offense for the fourth straight game in a 40-3 victory over Oklahoma. The only downside? Kicker Carlos Huerta saw his NCAA record for consecutive PATs end at 157 when he sent one wide right in the second quarter. Washington's starting quarterback Billy Joe Hobert was forced to leave the game with a neck injury. No problem. Mark Brunell came in and threw two touchdown passes as the Huskies rolled to a 54-0 demolition of Arizona.

Sophomore fullback Jerome Bettis rushed for 179 yards and four touchdowns as Notre Dame avenged its 1990 loss to Stanford with a 46-26 victory over the Cardinal. Baylor remained unbeaten with a 38-21 victory over Houston. With the victory the Bears moved to No. 8 in the polls, their first Top 10 appearance in five years.

Desmond Howard caught two touchdown passes as Michigan rebounded from its loss to Florida State with a 43-24 win over previously unbeaten Iowa. In 100-degree heat at the Rose Bowl Doug Brien kicked a 47-yard field goal with 30 seconds left to lift California to a 27-24 victory over UCLA. NC State improved to 5-0 with a 28-21 win over Georgia Tech. Georgia freshman quarterback Eric Zeier threw a pair of TD passes as the Bulldogs downed Clemson, 27-12. Meanwhile, Fresno State (4-0) was busy pulling a Barry Switzer in a 94-17 victory over New Mexico. The Bulldogs set an NCAA record for points in a quarter with 49 in the second quarter.

WEEK 7

Oct. 12

Tennessee, Baylor, Ohio State and Oklahoma all fell from the ranks of the unbeaten. Florida's Shane Matthews threw for 245 yards and two TDs and the Gators defense forced five turnovers as the Gators (5-1) took control of the Southeastern Conference race with a 35-18 victory over Tennessee. Baylor was upset, 20-17, by Rice when Darrell Richardson made a 31-yard field goal with 2:39 left in the game. Ohio State also fell victim to a last-second field goal. Freshman Chris Richardson nailed a 41-yarder with 36 seconds left to give Illinois a 10-7 victory over the Buckeyes. Linebacker Dana Howard recorded a school record 19 solo tackles for Illinois, and Oklahoma (4-1) lost for the third straight year to Texas. This time it was 10-7 Longhorns as Bubba Jacques scooped up a fumble and rumbled 30 yards for the winning touchdown with 13:30 left to play.

No. 2-ranked Miami (5-0) was nearly an upset victim, but was able to hold off No. 9 Penn State, 26-20. Two big third-quarter plays, an 80-yard pass from Gino Torretta to Horace Copeland and a school-record 91-yard punt return for a touchdown by Kevin Williams proved to be the difference. Actually, Williams ran 110 yards, running through the end zone and knocking over a fence in his exuberance to share his good fortune with some Miami faithful. Williams said: "I took celebration lessons from [former Miami great] Michael Irvin. When you make a big play like that, you have to share the moment."

Jerome Bettis rushed for 125 yards and two touchdowns as No. 7-ranked Notre Dame defeated previously undefeated and No. 12-ranked Pitt, 42-7. Elvis Grbac threw three touchdown passes, two to Heisman front-runner Desmond Howard as Michigan rolled to a 45-28 victory over Michigan State.

WEEK 8

Oct. 19

In a battle of unbeaten Top 10 teams, No. 3 Washington (6-0) survived its toughest test of the season with a 24-17 triumph over No. 7 California (5-1). Beno Bryant's 65-yard TD run proved to be the difference for the Huskies, who beat California for the 11th straight time. No. 1 Florida State extended its winning streak to 13 games with a 39-10 win over Middle Tennessee, while No. 2 Miami hammered Long Beach

Air Force	14	15	29	12	3	15	1.17
Utah State	17	19	36	8	15	24	1.09
Texas Tech	14	14	28	8	8	16	1.09
Georgia	14	11	25	10	4	14	1.00
Tulsa	14	18	32	11	11	22	.91
Michigan	14	14	28	12	6	18	.91
South Carolina	11	14	25	8	8	16	.82
Fresno State	11	13	24	7	8	15	.82
Kansas	16	10	26	10	7	17	.82
Wisconsin	15	15	30	9	13	22	.73
Texas A&M	17	14	31	11	12	23	.73

NET PUNTING

	PUNTS	AVG	NO RET	YDS RET	NET AVG
Texas Tech	55	46.0	28	295	40.6
Utah State	57	42.7	24	207	39.1
Air Force	51	44.8	30	295	39.0
Purdue	59	43.2	32	257	38.8
Houston	53	42.6	27	200	38.8
Colorado	59	40.1	16	88	38.6
Kansas	56	41.6	23	185	38.3
New Mexico State	55	42.3	30	225	38.2
Oklahoma	54	39.9	19	99	38.0
Syracuse	46	42.0	19	198	37.7
USC	67	40.3	31	179	37.6
Memphis State	59	40.6	25	182	37.6
Florida	47	42.4	26	230	37.5
Notre Dame	41	39.3	18	93	37.0
Temple	55	40.6	27	196	37.0
Brigham Young	53	38.9	23	102	36.9
Kentucky	54	41.8	25	263	36.9
Colorado State	44	39.0	18	95	36.8
Iowa State	61	38.1	21	84	36.7
California	47	37.8	18	54	36.7
Arkansas	68	42.2	36	344	36.5
Cal St Fullerton	73	40.9	39	327	36.4
Southern Mississippi	67	39.1	31	186	36.3

TEAM PUNT RETURNS

	GAMES	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Alabama	11	28	474	3	16.9
Michigan	11	20	316	2	15.8
Iowa State	11	20	299	0	14.9
Miami (FL)	11	43	622	3	14.5
Texas A&M	11	32	430	2	13.4
Virginia Tech	11	33	437	1	13.2
Rutgers	11	35	462	0	13.2
North Carolina	11	36	426	2	12.9
Notre Dame	12	20	258	1	12.9
Stanford	11	28	355	1	12.7
Auburn	11	44	548	1	12.5
Mississippi	11	28	341	1	12.2
Clemson	11	45	545	1	12.1
Wisconsin	11	35	414	2	11.8
Nevada-Las Vegas	11	19	221	0	11.8
Texas Tech	11	20	232	1	11.6
Wake Forest	11	30	344	1	11.5
Colorado	11	35	399	0	11.4
Arizona	11	27	302	2	11.2
Kansas	11	24	268	0	11.2
Wyoming	11	32	351	2	11.0
Texas Christian	11	21	230	0	11.0
UTEP	12	28	300	2	10.7
Southern Mississippi	11	31	331	1	10.7

SCORING OFFENSE

	Q	PTS	AVG
Fresno State	11	486	44.2
Washington	11	463	41.9
Nebraska	11	454	41.3
California	11	406	36.9
Michigan	11	406	36.9
Florida State	12	439	36.6
Texas A&M	11	402	36.5
Pacific (CA)	12	435	36.3
Penn State	12	432	36.0
Notre Dame	12	426	35.6
Brigham Young	12	420	35.0
East Carolina	11	372	33.8
San Jose State	11	372	33.8
San Diego State	12	403	33.6
Miami (FL)	11	364	33.1
Florida	11	361	32.8
Houston	11	353	32.1
Stanford	11	351	31.9
Oklahoma	11	335	30.5
Tennessee	11	335	30.5

SCORING DEFENSE

	Q	PTS	AVG
Miami (FL)	11	100	9.1
Washington	11	101	9.2
Alabama	11	118	10.7
Virginia	11	119	10.8
Miami (OH)	11	140	12.7
Oklahoma	11	143	13.0
Texas A&M	11	144	13.1
Texas	11	145	13.2
Bowling Green	11	147	13.4
Clemson	11	148	13.5
Colorado	11	150	13.6
Ball State	11	150	13.6
Florida	11	152	13.8
Penn State	12	167	13.9
Mississippi State	11	156	14.2
Central Michigan	11	157	14.3
Ohio State	11	163	14.8
Iowa	11	166	15.1
Michigan	11	169	15.4

TEAM KICKOFF RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
New Mexico State	11	46	1158	1	25.2
Utah State	11	39	960	0	24.6
Florida	11	27	652	0	24.1
Hawaii	12	45	1,086	1	24.1
Syracuse	11	31	748	2	24.0
North Carolina State	11	34	815	0	23.9
Rutgers	11	34	813	1	23.9
Pittsburgh	11	28	650	0	23.2
Arizona	11	56	1,276	0	22.8

RUSHING OFFENSE

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Nebraska	11	595	3885	6.5	45	353.2
Air Force	12	760	4057	5.3	34	338.1
Fresno State	11	613	3303	5.4	42	300.3
Army	11	701	3222	4.6	23	292.9
Hawaii	12	626	3416	5.5	32	284.7
Notre Dame	12	584	3229	5.5	37	269.1
Texas A&M	11	633	2850	4.5	34	259.1
Clemson	11	614	2813	4.6	28	255.7
Alabama	11	557	2772	5.0	24	252.0
Oklahoma	11	806	2752	4.5	33	250.2
Michigan	11	510	2709	5.3	26	246.3
Kansas	11	614	2698	4.4	30	245.3
Louisiana Tech	11	521	2671	5.1	23	242.8
Baylor	11	595	2604	4.4	29	236.7
Vanderbilt	11	611	2597	4.3	19	236.1
Mississippi State	11	529	2589	4.9	24	235.4
Washington	11	524	2551	4.9	34	231.9
Ohio State	11	584	2522	4.3	27	229.3
Colorado	11	554	2499	4.5	23	227.2
Akron	11	515	2373	4.6	20	215.7
California	11	519	2361	4.5	26	215.5
Tennessee	11	512	2332	4.5	20	212.0
UCLA	11	499	2309	4.6	22	209.9
San Diego State	12	521	2476	4.8	30	206.3
Penn State	12	556	2456	4.4	27	204.7

RUSHING DEFENSE

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Clemson	11	360	587	1.6	5	53.4
Washington	11	390	738	1.9	6	67.1
Florida State	12	398	994	2.5	9	82.8
Texas A&M	11	393	946	2.4	13	86.0
Penn State	12	408	1120	2.7	9	93.3
Florida	11	399	1103	2.8	7	100.3
Louisiana Tech	11	386	1105	2.9	8	100.5
UCLA	11	403	1110	2.8	13	100.9
Oklahoma	11	403	1140	2.8	5	103.6
Michigan	11	397	1142	2.9	7	103.8
Syracuse	11	400	1185	3.0	9	107.8
Central Mich.	11	439	1202	2.7	8	109.3
Miami (OH)	11	447	1209	2.7	2	109.9
Georgia Tech	12	462	1344	2.9	10	112.0
Baylor	11	423	1236	2.9	13	112.4
Ohio State	11	390	1250	3.2	8	113.6
Texas	11	465	1335	2.9	8	121.4
N. Carolina State	11	381	1349	3.5	12	122.6
N. Carolina	11	437	1352	3.1	7	122.9
Iowa	11	450	1384	3.1	9	125.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDSPG
Fresno State	11	922	5961	6.5	62	541.91
Pacific (CA)	12	871	6135	7.0	61	511.25
Nebraska	11	800	5571	7.0	60	506.45
San Jose State	11	813	5279	6.5	47	479.91
Brigham Young	12	837	5754	6.9	54	479.50
San Diego State	12	955	5739	6.0	52	478.25
Washington	11	861	5191	6.0	60	471.91
Tennessee	11	878	5145	5.9	36	467.73
Florida	11	787	5028	6.4	45	457.09
UCLA	11	831	5019	6.0	39	456.27
Notre Dame	12	831	5466	6.6	55	455.50
Florida State	12	897	5401	6.0	53	450.08
Houston	11	877	4909	5.6	44	446.27
California	11	845	4907	5.8	47	446.09
Miami (FL)	11	768	4854	6.3	41	441.27
Michigan	11	769	4831	6.3	50	439.18
East Carolina	11	794	4808	6.1	43	437.09
Texas A&M	11	847	4804	5.7	47	436.73
Wyoming	11	842	4737	5.6	38	430.64
Indiana	11	835	4709	5.6	35	428.09

*Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDSPG
Texas A&M	11	683	2446	3.6	19	222.4
Washington	11	730	2608	3.6	12	237.1
Texas	11	769	2848	3.7	15	258.9
Clemson	11	718	2895	4.0	17	263.2
Miami (OH)	11	747	2980	4.0	15	270.9
Iowa	11	712	2987	4.2	20	271.0
Central Michigan	11	741	3001	4.0	16	272.8
Georgia Tech	12	831	3333	4.0	22	277.8
Penn State	12	805	3365	4.2	22	280.5
Florida State	12	776	3375	4.3	22	281.3
Ball State	11	752	3118	4.1	14	283.5
Oklahoma	11	731	3144	4.3	15	285.8
Tennessee	11	679	3154	4.6	24	286.7
Miami (FL)	11	790	3176	4.0	9	288.7
Tulsa	11	715	3231	4.5	26	293.7
Alabama	11	714	3303	4.6	13	300.3
N. Carolina State	11	710	3346	4.7	22	304.2
Indiana	11	672	3349	5.0	26	304.5
Fresno State	11	685	3379	4.9	25	307.2
Florida	11	742	3383	4.6	16	307.5

*Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only

State, 55-0. Long Beach State center Mark Esposito saw the bright side of the pasting: "You hate losing, but the game was fun. We were in the Orange Bowl. We chewed on the same dirt as Csonka, Knuck and Griese."

Michigan's Desmond Howard continued to leave the competition in the dust in the Wolverines' 24-16 win over Indiana. Howard caught three touchdown passes and set up Michigan's final touchdown with a 71-yard kickoff return. "You always have to be ready for Howard," said Indiana coach Bill Mallory. "I'm not saying he has an S on his chest, but he's pretty damn near it." N.C. State erased a nine-point deficit in the game's final three minutes in a 15-14 victory over Division I-AA Marshall. Charles Davenport capped the N.C. State comeback with a 34-yard touchdown catch with 34 seconds left. Alabama moved up seven spots in the AP poll to No. 7 after defeating Tennessee, 24-19. Fresno State quarterback Mark Barsotti, who entered the game as the nation's leader in passing efficiency, completed 18 of 31 passes for 307 yards and three TDs before suffering a fractured fibula in his left leg in the Bulldogs' 42-28 win over New Mexico State.

WEEK 9

Oct. 26

Notre Dame (7-1) beat USC for the ninth straight time, 24-20. Jerome Bettis rushed for 176 yards and two touchdowns, and Notre Dame was able to recover an onside kick with 1:45 left in the game to preserve the victory. "We've been the luckiest team in America against Southern Cal," said a relieved Lou Holtz.

The season's Cinderella team, East Carolina improved to 6-1 with a 24-23 victory over Pitt. Jeff Blake, scored on a two-yard run and then ran in the two-point conversion with 46 seconds remaining to give the Pirates the victory.

Clemson didn't make a fashion statement, but did make a powerful football statement with a 29-19 victory over previously unbeaten N.C. State. Wearing purple jerseys for the first time since the 1940 Cotton Bowl along with their orange helmets, the Tigers raced to a 23-7 half-time lead against an N.C. State defense that allowed just 45 points prior to that game. "We wanted to prove to everybody we were a top team," said Clemson quarterback DeChane Cameron. "I think we did that today."

Top-ranked Florida State overcame a 13-0 first quarter deficit to beat LSU, 27-16 in a downpour in Baton Rouge. Amp Lee ran for 112 yards and three TDs for the Seminoles. Pacific's Aaron Turner, one of the nation's top wide receivers, caught 16 passes in his team's 27-20 win over New Mexico State.

WEEK 10

Nov. 2

California tailback Russell White dreamed of playing for USC, just like his uncle, former Heisman Trophy winner Charles White. However he wasn't able to attend USC because it doesn't recruit Prop. 48 athletes. So White did the next best thing. He entered the USC record

books as an opponent, rushing for 229 yards, the most ever against USC in a 52-30 victory over the Trojans. "I got my vendetta taken care of today when we got the win," said White, whose team's 52 points were the highest point total registered by a USC opponent.

Desmond Howard took another giant step toward the Heisman Trophy, and the Wolverines made a quantum leap toward a Big Ten title, with a 42-0 thrashing of Purdue. Howard chalked up 169 all-purpose yards for Michigan, which improved to 7-1 overall and 5-0 in the league with victories over its two nearest Big Ten pursuers, Iowa and Indiana. Iowa quarterback Matt Rodgers ran for one TD and passed for another as the Hawkeyes derailed Ohio State's Rose Bowl hopes with 16-9 victory.

Florida moved closer to the school's first official SEC title with a 31-10 victory over Auburn. Colorado's Gerry Thomas blocked a 41-yard field goal attempt by Nebraska's Byron Bennett as time expired, leaving the Cornhuskers and the Buffaloes in a first-place deadlock in the Big Eight at 3-0-1. Fresno State lost to Utah State, 20-19, on a 45-yard Sean Jones field goal in the game's final minute, thus leaving Florida State, Washington and Miami as the nation's lone unbeaten Division I teams.

WEEK 11

Nov. 9

Rob Leonard, a second-string walk-on place-kicker who wasn't even listed in the Notre Dame media guide, was poised to become part of Fighting Irish folklore. With four seconds remaining and Notre Dame trailing Tennessee 35-34, Leonard was called on to attempt a 27-yard field goal. The walk-on from Decatur, Georgia, who was filling in for Craig Hentrich who had sprained his right knee earlier in the game, was ready to become a hero. But. "Whenever I go home, my mom teases me about my big butt. Today my big butt paid off for us," said Tennessee defensive back Jeremy Lincoln, who used that part of his anatomy to misdirect Leonard's kick and preserve Tennessee's victory.

Meanwhile, top-ranked Florida State beat South Carolina, 38-10, and No. 2 Miami defeated West Virginia, 27-3, to set up the first No. 1 vs. No. 2 match since Notre Dame beat Michigan, 24-19, on Sept. 16, 1989. Elsewhere, Washington moved to 9-0 on the season with a 14-3 victory over USC, thanks in large part to the running of Beno Bryant (158 yards, two touchdowns). Shane Matthews threw for 303 yards and four touchdowns as Florida closed in on a Sugar Bowl bid by beating Georgia, 45-13.

Redshirt freshman Calvin Jones ran for 294 yards and a Big Eight-record tying six TDs as Nebraska rolled to a 59-23 win over Kansas. Oklahoma's Mike Gaddis continued his remarkable comeback from major knee surgery by rushing for 217 yards and four TDs as the Sooners throttled Missouri, 56-16. Virginia quarterback Matt Blundin ran his string of passes without an interception to 201, to draw within 14 attempts of Jack Trudeau's NCAA record of 215, in a 42-10 victory over N.C. State.

DIVISION 1-AA TEAM LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDSPG
Weber State	11	986	6395	6.5	69	581.36
Nevada	11	900	5605	6.2	60	509.64
Idaho	11	833	5036	6.4	46	482.36
Holy Cross	11	818	5138	6.3	48	467.09
Lehigh	11	850	5133	6.0	46	466.64
Alcorn State	11	695	4666	6.7	51	466.80
William & Mary	11	805	5082	6.3	47	462.00
Villanova	11	878	5034	5.7	53	457.64
Alabama State	11	765	4715	6.2	58	428.64
Marshall	11	709	4705	6.6	50	427.73
New Hampshire	11	786	4695	6.0	40	426.82
Grambling	11	786	4684	6.0	39	425.82
Connecticut	11	836	4659	5.6	30	423.55
N. Carolina A&T	11	787	4625	5.9	51	420.45
James Madison	11	739	4552	6.2	46	413.82
Northern Arizona	11	808	4539	5.6	34	412.64
Middle Tenn. State	11	705	4517	6.4	38	410.64
Furman	11	759	4399	5.8	42	399.81
Delaware	11	760	4391	5.8	43	399.18
Central Florida	11	780	4345	5.6	31	395.00

*Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDSPG
S. Carolina State	11	682	2298	3.4	18	208.9
Villanova	11	688	2653	3.9	17	241.2
McNeese State	11	751	2666	3.5	12	242.4
Northern Iowa	11	739	2680	3.8	20	243.6
Sam Houston State	11	755	2878	3.8	14	261.6
Western Illinois	11	693	2930	4.2	18	266.4
Mississippi Valley	11	674	3017	4.5	24	274.3
E. Kentucky	11	709	3027	4.3	19	275.2
N. Carolina A&T	11	698	3032	4.3	20	275.6
Ga. Southern	11	732	3112	4.3	17	282.9
Northwestern (LA)	11	735	3145	4.3	19	285.9
SW Texas State	11	700	3179	4.5	22	289.0
Princeton	10	712	2895	4.1	22	289.5
Alcorn State	10	709	2976	4.2	25	297.6
Alabama State	11	718	3274	4.6	23	297.6
Illinois State	11	754	3284	4.4	22	298.5
Nichols State	11	714	3305	4.6	23	300.5
Northeast La.	11	768	3344	4.4	19	304.0
Youngstown State	11	742	3362	4.5	23	305.6
SW Missouri State	11	752	3424	4.6	25	311.3

*Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only

SCORING OFFENSE

	G	PTS	AVG
Nevada	11	486	45.1
Weber State	11	495	45.0
Alabama State	11	453	41.2
Marshall	11	414	37.6
Villanova	11	397	36.1
Alcorn State	10	357	35.7
North Carolina A&T	11	381	34.6
Idaho	11	376	34.1
Holy Cross	11	372	33.8
Northern Iowa	11	366	33.3
Furman	11	363	33.0
Lehigh	11	363	33.0
Delaware	11	358	32.5
New Hampshire	11	356	32.4
Boise St.	11	355	32.3
James Madison	11	351	31.9
William & Mary	11	343	31.2
Eastern Kentucky	11	333	30.3
Samford	11	332	30.2
Youngstown St.	11	331	30.1

SCORING DEFENSE

	G	PTS	AVG
Villanova	11	132	12.0
McNeese State	11	134	12.2
Sam Houston State	11	145	13.2
Eastern Kentucky	11	147	13.4
Middle Tennessee State	11	151	13.7
Samford	11	154	14.0
South Carolina State	11	157	14.3
Northern Iowa	11	158	14.4
Georgia Southern	11	160	14.5
North Carolina A&T	11	163	14.8
Western Illinois	11	167	15.2
Northwestern (LA)	11	169	15.4
Alabama State	11	170	15.5
Holy Cross	11	174	15.8
Northeast Louisiana	11	175	15.9
Illinois State	11	176	16.0
Southwest Texas State	11	179	16.3
Mississippi Valley	11	182	16.6

DIVISION 1-AA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE

		RUSHING				PASSING			TOTAL OFFENSE			
	CAR	YDS	ATT	YDS	PLS	YDS	YDP	TD*	YDPPG			
Jamie Martin, Weber State ...	91	440	228	212	500	4125	591	4337	7.34	37	394.27	
Glenn Kempa, Lehigh	39	80	134	-54	474	3565	513	3511	6.84	31	319.18	
Doug Nussmeier, Idaho	88	318	158	160	384	3300	472	3460	7.33	26	314.55	
Steve McNair, Alcorn State	57	329	87	242	337	2895	394	3137	7.96	30	313.70	
Tom Ciccio, Holy Cross	62	254	132	122	385	3010	447	3132	7.01	27	284.73	
Dred Lebo, Montana	104	140	413	287	457	3380	581	3113	5.53	21	283.00	

Cornelius Benton, Connecticut	66	228	171	57	378	2701	442	2758	6.24	19	275.80
Robbie Justino, Liberty	59	91	234	-143	427	3176	486	3033	6.24	19	275.73
Chris Hakel, William & Mary	53	112	136	-24	357	2974	410	2950	7.20	24	268.18
Jermaine Hall, Bethune-Cookman	67	223	244	-21	427	2666	494	2645	5.35	22	264.50
Michael Payton, Marshall	50	180	134	-46	216	2333	266	2379	8.94	20	264.33
John Bonds, Northern Arizona	75	227	263	-36	352	2679	427	2643	6.19	13	264.30
Matt Griffin, New Hampshire	70	198	98	100	311	2469	391	2569	6.74	25	256.90
Fred Gatlin, Nevada	71	384	106	278	278	2192	350	2470	7.06	23	247.00
Ricky Jones, Alabama State	76	546	129	417	240	2041	316	2458	7.78	24	245.80
Jim Russell, Cuyahoga	147	754	289	465	295	2156	443	2631	5.94	15	239.16
Roy Johnson, Arkansas State	170	984	202	782	263	1747	433	2529	5.84	19	229.91
Tom Colombo, Villanova	40	91	116	-25	342	2540	382	2515	6.58	20	228.64
Mark Tenneson, Eastern Washington	66	197	142	55	338	2399	404	2454	6.07	22	223.09
Trevor Cavanaugh, Idaho State	111	438	189	249	311	2169	422	2418	5.73	18	219.82

*Touchdowns responsible for

RUSHING

	CL	Q	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Al Hosier, Uartmouth	Sr	10	258	1432	5.6	12	143.20
Jerome Blodcoe, Moberg-Hopewell	Sr	11	264	1648	6.0	11	140.45
Demick Franklin, Indiana State	Sr	11	318	1505	4.7	12	136.82
Jerome Fuller, Holy Cross	Sr	11	266	1465	5.5	12	133.18
Jamie Jones, Eastern Illinois	Gr	11	230	1403	6.0	4	127.55
Markus Thomas, Eastern Kentucky	Jr	11	178	1353	7.6	10	123.00
Willie English, Central Florida	Jr	11	236	1338	5.7	13	121.64
Toby Davis, Illinois State	Jr	10	253	1169	4.6	7	116.90
Chris Knorr, Yale	Sr	10	209	1101	5.3	8	110.10
Michael Murray, Delaware State	Sr	11	226	1200	5.3	9	109.09
Kenny Sims, James Madison	Jr	11	191	1199	6.3	9	109.00
Geoff Mitchell, Weber State	Sr	11	239	1170	4.9	24	106.36
Jack Douglas, Citadel	Sr	11	266	1152	4.3	13	104.73
Carl Tremble, Furman	Jr	9	159	927	5.8	11	103.00
Barry Bourassa, New Hampshire	Jr	11	230	1130	4.9	15	102.73
Nick Campbell, Yale	Sr	10	210	1024	4.9	8	102.40
Joe Campbell, Middle Tenn. State	Sr	11	198	1121	5.7	14	101.91
Eric Gant, Grambling	Fr	11	194	1111	5.7	5	101.00
Tamron Smith, Youngstown State	So	10	181	1009	5.6	8	100.90
John McNiff, Cornell	Sr	8	204	806	4.0	8	100.75

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	CL	Q	ATT	CMP	CMP%	INT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	TD RATING
Michael Payton, Marshall	Jr	9	216	143	66.20	3	2331	10.80	19	181.3
Eric Williams, James Madison	Jr	11	192	107	55.73	7	1914	9.97	19	164.8
Hugh Swilling, Furman	Sr	9	153	85	55.56	5	1422	9.29	14	157.3
Chris Vargas, Nevada	So	9	153	91	59.48	4	1386	9.06	10	151.4
Jeff Thorne, Eastern Illinois	So	11	246	151	61.38	6	244	19.20	21	150.2
Cornell Maynor II, Carolina A&T	Jr	10	192	110	57.29	5	260	13.71	18	149.8
Jay Johnson, Northern Iowa	Jr	11	222	125	56.31	6	270	19.50	16	149.5
Doug Hussmeyer, Idaho	So	11	384	230	59.90	11	285	33.00	25	147.8
Jamie Martin, Weber State	Jr	11	500	310	62.00	17	340	41.25	35	147.6
Chris Hakel, William & Mary	Sr	11	357	232	64.99	9	232	20.74	18	146.6
Ricky Jones, Alabama State	Sr	10	240	126	52.50	7	292	20.41	19	144.2
Steve McHarris, Alcorn State	Fr	10	337	189	56.08	15	445	28.95	24	142.8
Kenny Earl, Tenn.-Chatt.	Fr	11	181	93	51.38	8	442	10.43	13	142.5
Charl Roper, Princeton	Sr	10	219	147	67.12	8	335	18.88	14	140.4
Glenn Kempa, Lehigh	Sr	11	474	285	60.34	15	316	35.65	7	138.8
Tom Caccio, Holy Cross	Sr	11	385	232	60.26	13	468	30.0	23	138.0
Kelly, Holcomb, Middle Tenn. State	Fr	11	209	130	62.20	4	191	17.63	5	137.1
James Wade, Tennessee State	Jr	10	243	132	54.32	11	453	20.20	31	135.5
Tom Colombo, Villanova	Jr	11	342	214	62.57	16	468	25.40	7	134.9
Antonio Ezell, Florida A&M	Sr	10	258	130	50.38	11	425	21.66	14	133.6

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	CL	Q	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG
Mark Didio, Connecticut	Sr	11	88	1354	8	123.09
Kasey Dunn, Idaho	Sr	11	85	1263	6	114.82
Alfred Pupunu, Weber State	Sr	11	93	1204	12	109.45
Torrance Small, Alcorn State	Sr	10	55	1068	7	106.80
Pat Nelson, Liberty	Sr	11	81	1075	4	97.73
Nate Singleton, Grambling	Sr	11	55	1047	11	95.18
Marvin Turk, Montana	Sr	11	53	1047	13	95.18
Horace Hamm, Lehigh	Sr	11	75	1044	13	94.91
Dave Hall, Weber State	Sr	11	73	1043	10	94.82
Bryan Reeves, Nevada	So	10	62	931	5	93.10
Michael Lerch, Princeton	Jr	10	47	886	6	88.60
Brian Dowler, Marshall	Sr	11	48	946	10	86.00
Hendricks Johnson, Northern Arizona	Sr	10	51	859	6	85.90
Mark Roman, Holy Cross	Sr	11	50	937	11	85.18
Jeff Parker, Bethune-Cookman	Sr	10	67	828	6	82.80
Alex Davis, Connecticut	Jr	11	74	909	7	82.64
Chris Singleton, Nevada	So	11	43	893	8	81.18
Jimmy Smith, Jackson State	So	10	43	804	4	80.40
Cedric Tillman, Alcorn State	Sr	10	58	790	11	79.00
Carl Gibbons, Bethune-Cookman	Sr	10	48	790	9	79.00

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

	CL	Q	CT	YDS	TD	CTPG
Alfred Pupunu, Weber State	Sr	11	93	1204	12	8.45
Mark Didio, Connecticut	Sr	11	88	1354	8	8.00
Kasey Dunn, Idaho	Sr	11	85	1263	6	7.73
Pat Nelson, Liberty	Sr	11	81	1075	4	7.36
Horace Hamm, Lehigh	Sr	11	75	1044	13	6.82
Alex Davis, Connecticut	Jr	11	74	909	7	6.73
Jeff Parker, Bethune-Cookman	Sr	10	67	828	6	6.70
Dave Hall, Weber St	Sr	11	73	1043	10	6.64
Oryan Reeves, Nevada	So	10	62	931	5	6.20
Cedric Tillman, Alcorn State	Sr	10	58	790	11	5.80
Torrance Small, Alcorn State	Sr	10	55	1068	7	5.50
Mike Buluo, Dartmouth	So	10	55	725	10	5.50
Darrell Philon, Southeast Missouri State	Sr	11	60	815	4	5.45
Tom Garlick, Fordham	Jr	9	47	892	8	5.22
Alan Williams, William & Mary	Sr	11	57	598	5	5.16
Hendricks Johnson, Northern Arizona	Sr	10	51	859	6	5.10
Nate Singleton, Grambling	Sr	11	55	1047	11	5.00
Ches Salyer, Southeast Missouri State	Sr	11	54	690	5	4.91
Marvin Turk, Montana	Jr	11	53	1047	13	4.82
Darren Rizz, Rhode Island	Jr	11	53	782	5	4.82
E. J. Alama-Daley, Idaho	Sr	11	53	752	8	4.82
Clarence Miller, Illinois State	Sr	11	53	690	4	4.82
Carl Gibbons, Bethune-Cookman	Sr	10	48	790	9	4.80
Sylvester Jones, Idaho State	Jr	10	48	557	5	4.80

WEEK 13

Nov. 16

Gerry Thomas' 34-yard field goal attempt sailed wide right, and as a result, No. 2 Miami defeated No. 1 Florida State, 17-16, to spoil the Seminoles' national title hopes. Bobby Bowden, whose team has lost six of the last seven meetings to Miami, said after the game: "I think the curse is they're on our schedule. They're going to chisel on my tombstone. But he played Miami!" While Florida State's hopes of a national title were dashed, the debate of "Who's No. 1?" began in earnest between Miami and Washington.

Penn State whipped Notre Dame, 35-13, at jam-packed Beaver Stadium Nov. 16. However, when the bowl bids were announced the next day, the Irish were invited to the more attractive bowl, landing a Sugar Bowl date with Florida. Meanwhile, Penn State (9-2) ended up in the Fiesta Bowl opposite Tennessee, and California (9-1) was forced to settle for the Citrus Bowl against Clemson.

WEEK 13

Nov. 23

On the seventh anniversary of Doug Flutie's Hail Mary pass that beat Miami, history nearly repeated itself. Boston College quarterback Glenn Foley saw his last-second pass fall harmlessly to the ground, and the Hurricanes (10-0) survived, 19-14. "I was 14 years old and in ninth grade when Flutie threw his pass," said Miami quarterback Gino Torretta. "I saw it on television, and when they threw that one today I said to myself 'Oh no, not another Flutie.' It wasn't, but Miami's close shave combined with Washington's 56-21 victory over Washington State added more fuel to the debate over which team was truly No. 1, Miami or Washington.

There was no debate over who would win the Heisman Trophy, however. Desmond Howard delighted the crowd in Ann Arbor with a 213-yard performance in a 31-3 victory over Ohio State. The highlight? A school-record 93-yard punt return for a touchdown that ended with Howard looking at the cameras and striking the Heisman pose.

Elsewhere, Stanford beat arch-rival California, 38-21, for its seventh consecutive victory. Virginia quarterback Matt Blundin set an NCAA record for consecutive passes without an interception (231 attempts) with a 13 of 23, 222-yard performance in a 38-0 win over Virginia Tech. Kansas running back Tony Sands rushed for 396 yards on 58 carries, both NCAA records, and scored four touchdowns as the Jayhawks clobbered Missouri, 53-29. Ty Detmer, the reigning Heisman winner, threw for a school-record 599 yards and tossed six touchdown passes to rally the Cougars to a 52-52 tie with San Diego State.

WEEK 13

Nov. 30

Miami quarterback Gino Torretta recorded a school-record 485 yards through the air as the Hurricanes won their 44th consecutive home game, 39-12, over San Diego State. San Diego

State running back Marshall Faulk ran the ball 27 times for 154 yards, becoming the first freshman ever to win a single season NCAA rushing title with 1,429 yards in just nine games.

Nebraska running back Calvin Jones ran 15 yards for the game-winning touchdown as the Orange Bowl-bound Cornhuskers topped Oklahoma, 19-14, in Lincoln. Meanwhile, Florida State—a thoroughbred the entire season—faded down the stretch by dropping its second straight game, 14-9, to Florida. The Seminoles averaged 40 points a game in the first 10 contests, combined for just 25 points in their last two games, and lost to Miami and Florida.

Georgia running back Garrison Hearst ram-bled for 175 yards and a touchdown as the Bulldogs beat Georgia Tech, 18-15. Richie Anderson gained 167 yards on the ground and scored two TDs as Penn State beat Pitt, 32-20. Lining up in the quarterback position, Alabama wide receiver David Palmer ran 10 yards for the game's only touchdown in a 13-6 win over Auburn.

WEEK 15

Dec. 7

It may qualify as the most satisfying one-win season in the history of college football. On the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Navy (1-10) avoided a winless season with an improbable 24-3 victory over Army (5-6). Surprisingly, Navy won the battle with strong defense and by keeping the opponent off-balance offensively. Army, which came into the game averaging 304 yards rushing per game, was held to 182 yards by a normally porous Navy defense that had allowed 423 total yards per game. Offensively, Navy used two quarterbacks, freshman Jim Kubiak (13-for-16, 157 yards) as the thrower and Jason Van Matre (89 yards rushing) as the runner.

Kubiak, who was carried off the field by, of all things, upperclassmen, said: "I think it's the greatest thing that's ever happened to me. It's rewriting history."

WEEK 16

Dec. 14

The California Raisin Bowl is probably the least hyped of all the bowl games, but it was one of the most exciting last year. Bowling Green (11-1), the Mid-American champion, stopped Big West champ Fresno State (10-2) on the three-yard line with 12 seconds left as the Falcons escaped with 28-21 upset. There was no upset at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York. Michigan's Desmond Howard captured the Heisman Trophy by the second-widest margin in the trophy's 57-year history, 2,077-503, over runner-up Casey Weldon of Florida State. Ty Detmer was third, and Washington defensive lineman Steve Emtman was fourth. Howard led the nation with 23 touchdowns, and his 138 points snapped the single-season school record set by Tom Harmon in 1940.

As her son accepted the award, Howard's mother Hattie Dawkins wept into her handkerchief. Howard looked at her as he stood on the podium and said, "That says everything about the way I feel."

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	CL	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	YDS	YDSPG
Barry Bourassa, New Hampshire	Jr	11	1130	425	0	596	2152	195.64
A. Rosier, Dartmouth	Sr	10	1432	113	0	290	1835	183.50
Jerome Glascoe, Massachusetts	Sr	11	1545	178	0	203	2015	183.27
Jamie Jones, Eastern Illinois	Sr	11	1403	299	0	305	2007	182.45
Brett Brown, Brown	Jr	10	821	191	0	657	1669	166.90
Jerome Fuller, Holy Cross	Sr	11	1465	249	86	0	1800	163.64
Bryan Reeves, Nevada	So	10	1	931	329	268	1529	152.90
Michael Lerch, Princeton	Jr	10	63	886	6	546	1501	150.10
Toby Davis, Illinois State	Jr	10	1169	309	0	0	1478	147.80
Marcus Dowde, Tennessee State	Sr	9	1	355	0	915	1269	141.00
Geoff Mitchell, Weber State	Sr	11	1170	160	0	196	1526	138.73
Brian James, Samford	Sr	11	48	861	0	611	1520	138.18
Cerrick Franklin, Indiana State	Sr	11	1505	14	0	0	1519	138.00
Waise English, Central Florida	Jr	11	1338	164	0	0	1502	136.55
Laurence Arico, Lehigh	Sr	9	849	292	0	47	1188	132.00
Markus Thomas, Eastern Kentucky	Jr	11	1353	20	0	57	1430	130.00
Horace Hamm, Lehigh	Sr	11	1044	0	0	371	1421	129.18
Troy Brown, Marshall	Jr	11	14	607	354	468	1415	128.64
Harold Wright, Eastern Washington	So	11	910	309	0	189	1408	128.00
Torrence Small, Alcorn State	Sr	10	9	1068	221	0	1280	128.0

SCORING

	CL	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PTPG
Geoff Mitchell, Weber State	Sr	11	28	2	0	170	15.45
Barry Bourassa, New Hampshire	Jr	11	21	0	0	126	11.45
Pat Kennedy, Villanova	Sr	9	15	0	0	90	10.00
Mark Lookenbill, Lehigh	Sr	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
Nate Singleton, Grambling	Sr	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Brian Mitchell, Northern Iowa	Sr	11	0	40	19	97	8.82
Mike Gaudi, Harvard	Sr	9	13	0	0	78	8.67
Robert Green, William & Mary	Sr	9	13	0	0	78	8.67
Hick Schwendinger, Nevada	Sr	11	0	57	12	93	8.45
Al Rosier, Dartmouth	Sr	10	13	2	0	80	8.00
Keith Elias, Princeton	So	10	13	2	0	80	8.00
Andrew Burr, Furman	Sr	11	0	45	14	87	7.91
Jerome Fuller, Holy Cross	Sr	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Tim Lester, Eastern Kentucky	Sr	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Joe Campbell, Middle Tenn. State	Sr	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Walter Davis, Middle Tenn. State	Jr	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Horace Hamm, Lehigh	Sr	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Mike Black, Boise State	Sr	11	0	36	15	81	7.36
Carl Tremble, Furman	Jr	9	1	0	0	66	7.33
Deway Klein, Marshall	Sr	11	0	50	10	80	7.27
Leo Hawkins, Youngstown State	Sr	10	12	0	0	72	7.20
Marvin Turk, Montana	Sr	11	13	0	0	78	7.09
Gerald Duffey, Florida A&M	Jr	11	13	0	0	78	7.09
Michael O'Neal, Samford	Jr	11	0	39	13	78	7.09
Waise English, Central Florida	Jr	11	13	0	0	78	7.09
Jack Douglas, Colgate	So	11	13	0	0	78	7.09
Surkano Edwards, Samford	Jr	11	13	0	0	78	7.09
Enq Williams, James Madison	Jr	11	12	4	0	76	6.91
Alex Lacson, Eastern Washington	Fr	1	0	30	13	73	6.82

INTERCEPTIONS

	CL	G	NO	YDS	TD	IPG
Warren McIntire, Delaware	Jr	11	9	208	2	82
Isaac Morehouse, Jackson State	Sr	10	8	84	1	80
William Carroll, Florida A&M	Jr	11	8	160	0	73
Morgan Ryan, Montana State	So	11	8	108	0	73
Frank Robinson, Boise State	Sr	11	8	101	2	73
Darryl Pounds, Nichols State	Fr	11	8	40	0	73
Aronza Barnett, North Carolina A&T	Jr	10	7	45	1	70
Ricky Hill, South Carolina State	Sr	11	7	129	1	64
Marcus Durgin, Samford	So	1	7	97	1	64
Adron Smith, Southwest Missouri State	So	11	7	75	1	64

FIELD GOALS

	CL	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FGPG
Brian Mitchell, Northern Iowa	Sr	11	24	19	792	1.73
Eric Roberts, McNeese State	Sr	11	22	16	727	1.45
Mike Black, Boise State	Sr	11	19	15	789	1.36
Alex Lacson, Eastern Washington	Fr	11	22	15	682	1.36
David Cool, Georgia Southern	Sr	11	17	14	824	1.27
Andrew Burr, Furman	Sr	11	18	14	778	1.27
Mark Klein, Sam Houston State	Sr	11	24	14	583	1.27
Daniel Gipson, Tennessee Tech	So	11	18	13	722	1.18
Michael O'Neal, Samford	Jr	11	19	13	684	1.18
Franco Grilla, Central Florida	Jr	11	21	13	619	1.18
Cameron Bair, Illinois State	Jr	11	22	13	591	1.18
Daniel Whitehead, Liberty	Fr	11	17	12	706	1.09
Gladi Landau, Grambling	Fr	11	17	12	706	1.09
Skip Shelton, Nichols State	Jr	11	19	12	632	1.09
Hick Schwendinger, Nevada	Sr	11	20	12	600	1.09
Jason McLaughlin, Calayette	Fr	11	21	12	571	1.09
Robert Arnett, Citadel	So	9	13	9	692	1.00
Tom Boccafoia, Columbia	Sr	10	15	10	667	1.00
Jeff Williams, Youngstown State	So	11	17	11	647	1.00
Jay Milson, Appalachian State	Jr	11	24	11	458	1.00

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	CL	NO	AVG
Harold Alexander, Appalachian State	Jr	64	47.02
Pumpu Tudors, Tenn. Ochs	Sr	50	45.55
Tom Sugg, Idaho	Jr	53	44.74
Terry Beiden, Northern Arizona	So	43	44.37
Leo Araguz, Stephen F. Austin	Jr	72	42.61
Gene Vadas, Delaware	Sr	40	42.50
Brian Dowler, Marshall	Sr	50	41.76
Pat Neck, McNeese State	So	83	41.60
Colin Godfrey, Tennessee State	Jr	63	41.44
Jeff Bolser, Towson State	Sr	67	41.30
Don Norton, Ga. Southern	Sr	73	40.82
Jeff Meader, Holy Cross	So	46	40.69
Rob Sims, Pennsylvania	Jr	53	40.47
Darrell Schneider, E. Washington	Jr	50	40.16
Chad McCarty, Northeast La.	Jr	56	40.00
Eric Wingham, Citadel	Sr	41	39.85
Gerald Dasbach, Sam Houston State	Sr	67	39.79
Tim Mosley, Northern Iowa	So	52	39.23
Rick Schwendinger, Nevada	Sr	54	39.17
Chuck Popios, Delaware State	Fr	56	38.93
Kendall Mabry, Southern Miss	Jr	58	38.74
Inel Alshrook, Middle Tenn. State	Fr	37	38.68
Chns Schrock, Boston U.	Sr	53	38.58



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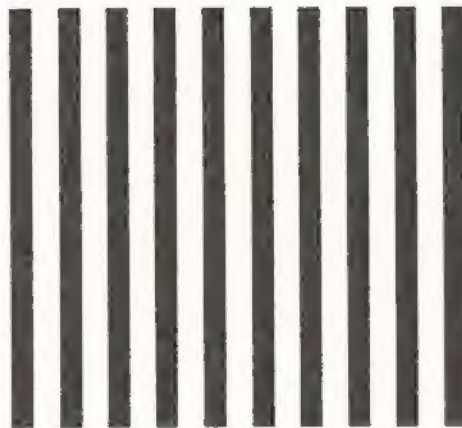
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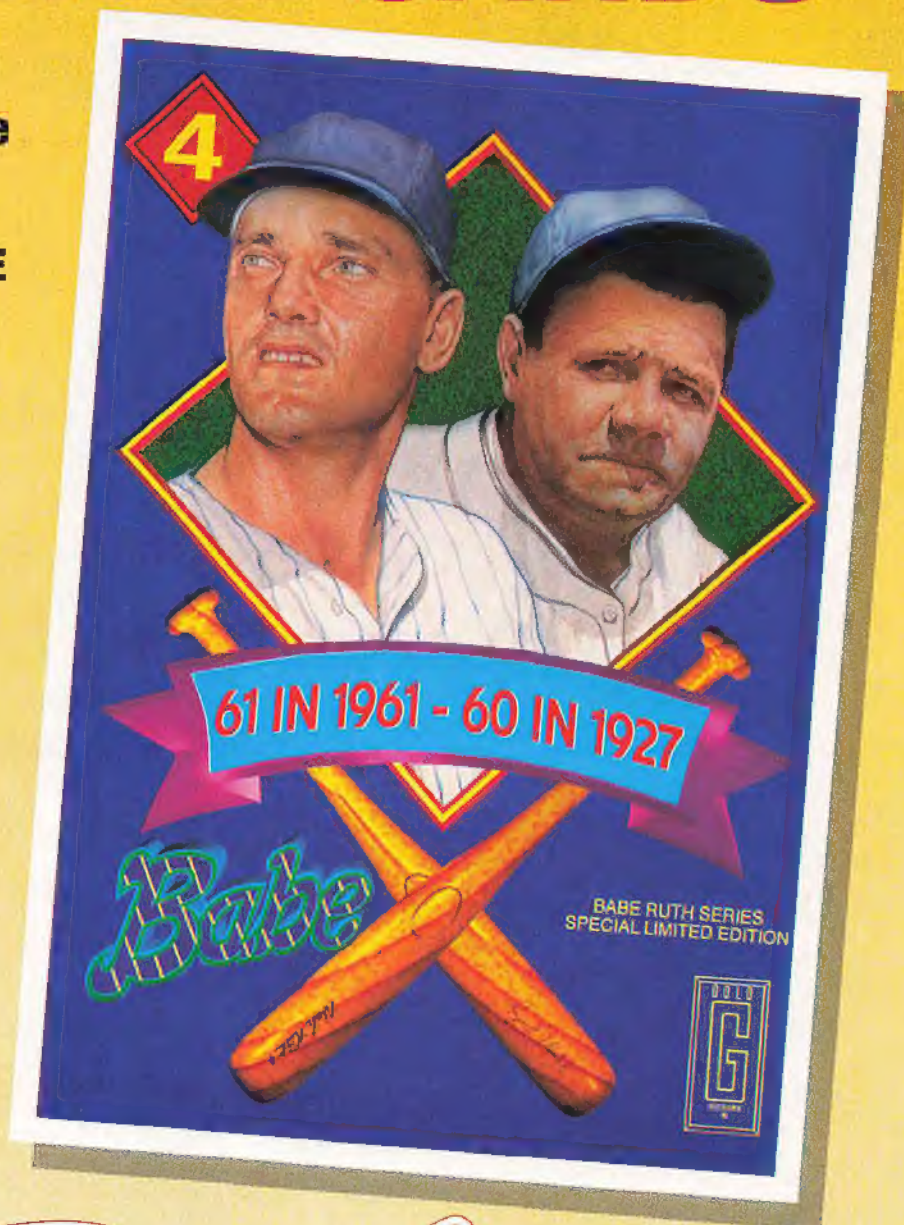
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